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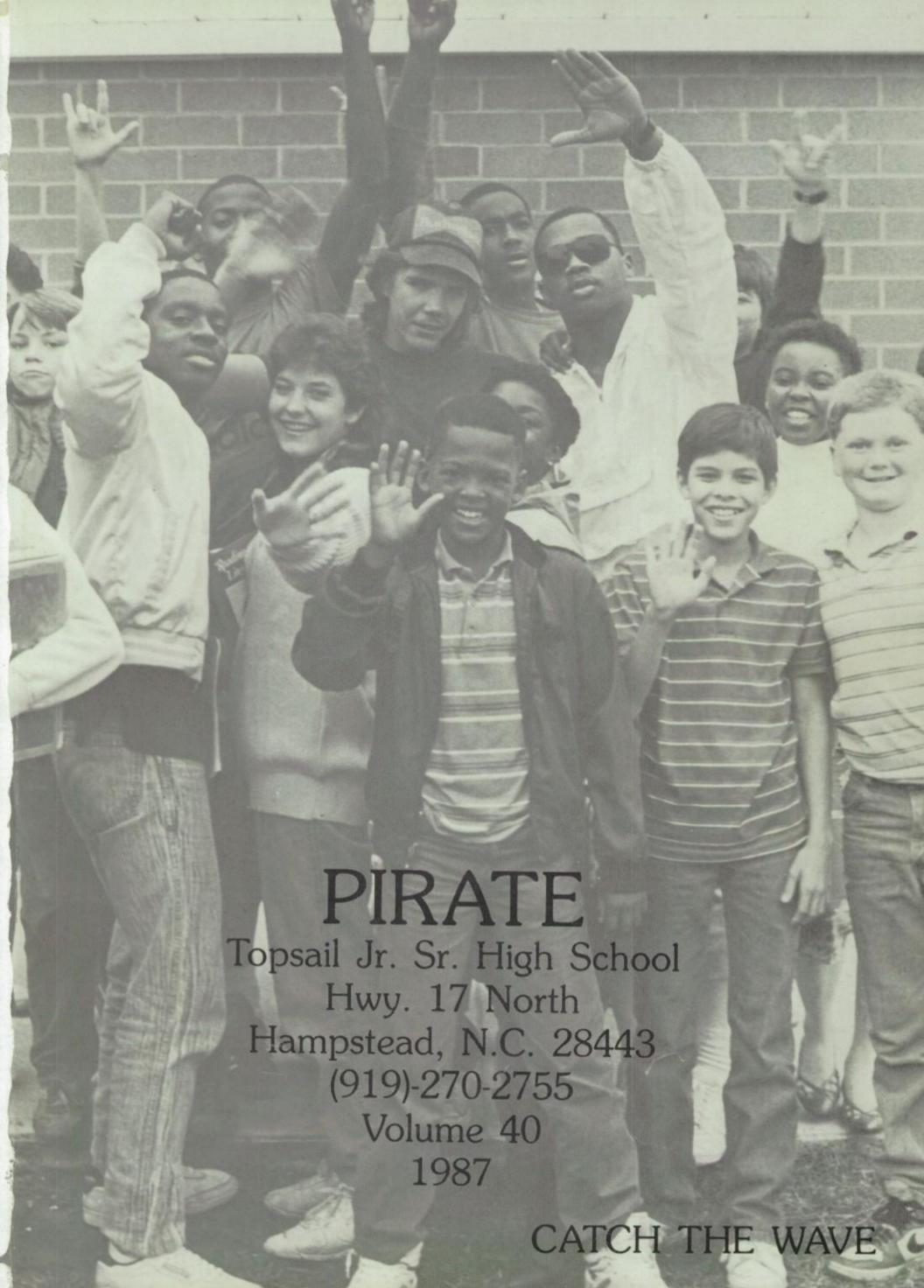
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100 ft. drop. Massive waves. 1000 cans of Coke on the wall. Max Headroom. The last goodbye. Spirit in waves. Catch me if you can.

THEME

Chris Sullivan and Clint Connor sport a new fad fashion. The new stop light at the intersection of Hwy. 210 and 17. Food Lion vs. Harris Teeter. Hot chicks at the pool. Backwash.

CAMPUS LIFE

A new way to stretch your upper body muscles. A suicide in 40 sec. Playoff games for the first time. 2nd in the county. Blood bath on soccer field.

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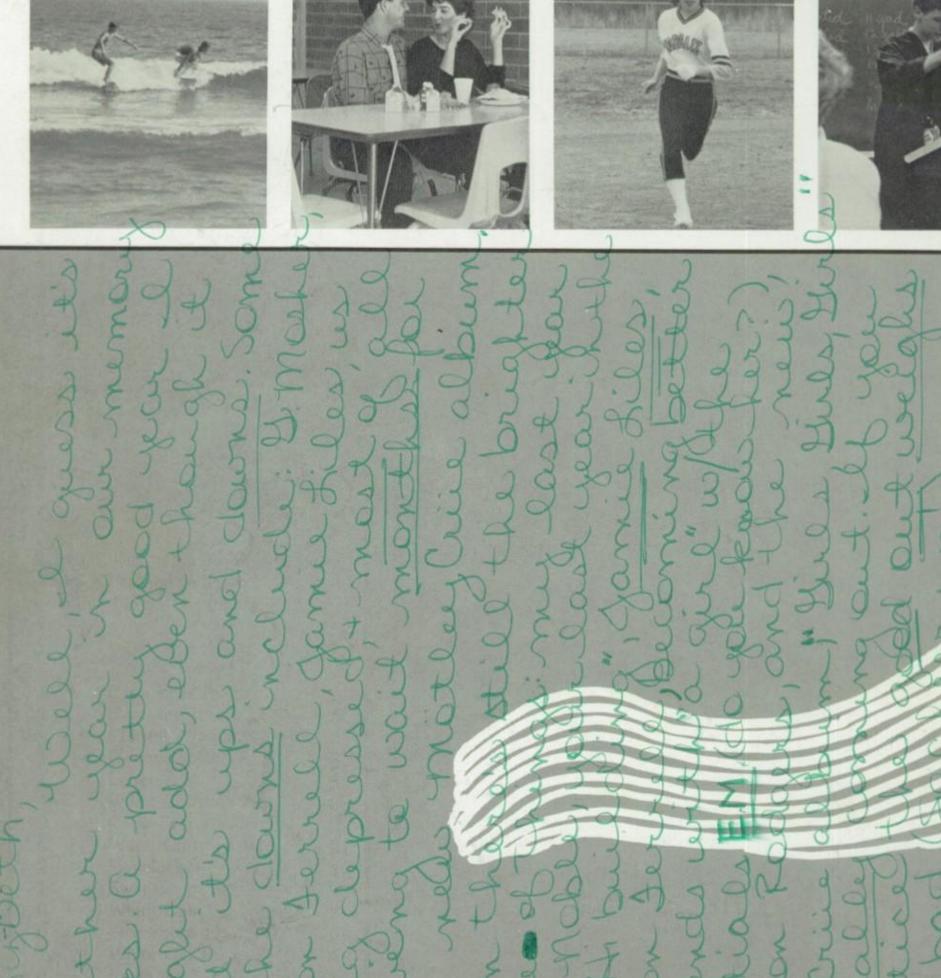
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Michael Batson like you've never seen him before. Four wheelin' deals that can't be beat. A brand new Mustang GT. Grads bare it for the camera.

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Imagination, exaggeration, variation, procrastination, motivation, exhilaration, ostentation, permutation, that's what it took to CATCH THE WAVE.

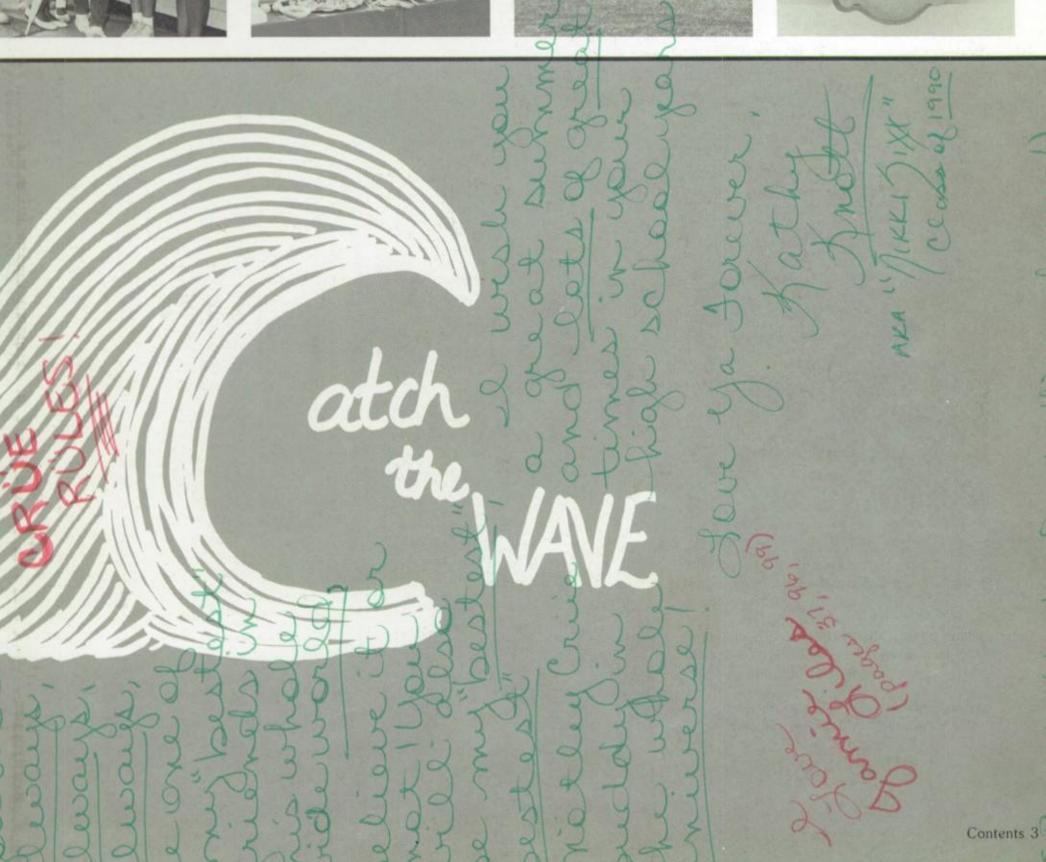
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CATCH the WAVE

Look,

You are all familiar with the infamous cliche, Max Headroom's "Catch the Wave," and by this time, you very well may be up to your ears in the words.

But level with us.

Take a look at all that the phrase implies. Before expounding upon the meaning, we will allow you to express your opinion on its in-depth definition. Below, list your own ideas:

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Now, if you'll allow us your time, we will present a few ways the yearbook staff has taken on the difficult task of interpreting the theme selection.

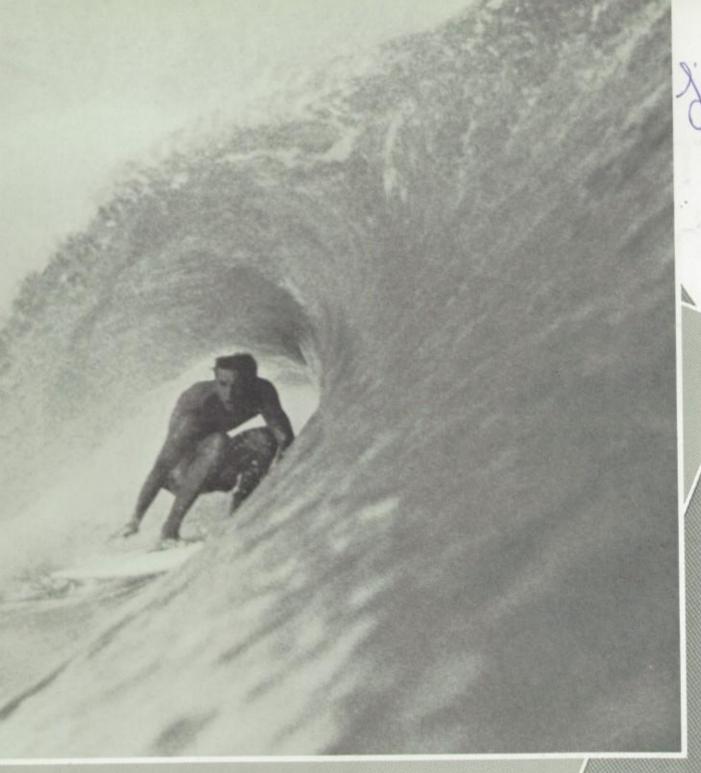
"Catch" can mean the physical act of catching, as a shortstop would a baseball. It also means the understanding of an idea, an expression of an idea presented. It is getting the feeling, going with the flow.

"Wave" simply refers to anything positive or for pleasurable purposes. For instance, surfers ride waves because they enjoy it. A "wave" can mean good times with your friends, a feeling of acceptance and a general celebration of life!

And when these two terms are unified, "Catch the Wave" is a whole new attitude, best personified by the youth of today. How do you give definition to this idea?



T.G.I.F.! Students Lisa Lewis, Susan Satterfield (driver), Martie Pullen, Michelle Ferrell, Amy Henderson, and Jeremy Newton are ready to make the most of their weekend.



Supple by Series of the Series

Talent is when someone makes something difficult look this easy. We'll bet you've never seen waves like **this** at Topsail's beaches.



Topsail fans eat up the camera's attention as they cut up attempting a "wave."





This is what happens when photographers forget to take windsurfing pictures while it's still warm. But we are taught to improvise! (By the way, this isn't a bad shot.)

Left: Michael Deacon is up to his armpits in bottles of the Classic Coke. Harris Teeter never had it so good!

Sig,
Sam glad we
are good friends
I hope we stay
that way. Here
a great summer
Those to see ya.



Would you catch me if I fell? Students prepare a kamikaze mission to the pavement below. Participants are: Jill Earp, Elizabeth Montgomery, Meg Satterfield, Jennifer Batts, Jennifer Skipper, Joanna Taylor, Anne Kermon, Chris Grindstaff, and Cindy Skipper.

Coke's newest mascot, the hippest commentator this side of the U.S. wins the fame of groupies everywhere! The Max Headroom craze sweeps across communities like the plague.





INNOVATIONS

"Yo, Dude! Surf's up! Let's go catch some ragin' waves before the crock of cringin' classes begin with flourescents burning off all our vitamin D's!"

We all agree school can be a drag, especially when a cloudless, sunny, and 88° world prevails outside. But school is what you make of it, and the #1 factor is ATTITUDE! You know, that strange thing your parents are always preaching to you about? This may be considered contrary to a tradi-

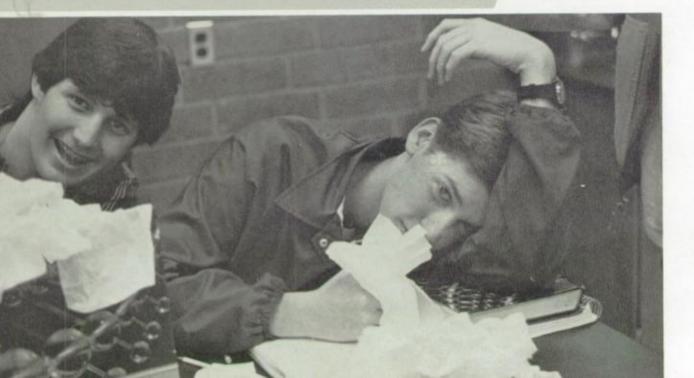
tional way of thinking, but walking into a classroom smiling, preparing to conquer, and actually listening (not just sitting through) seems to completely cut your time in half.

Much can be acquired with a positive way of thinking. And when the load gets too tough, "chill out" awhile, then step back into the swing of things. Remember also that you never fail until you stop trying, so let go of the pressure, catch a wave, and live one day at a time!

In reference to above picture, it seems they accomplished their mission.

Chris Smith gives definition to the word "absentee" with the innumerable colds he caught. He sometimes had to pull himself together and sniffle through Chemistry and Advanced Math, nonetheless. Brad Pate seems amused by Chris' condition.













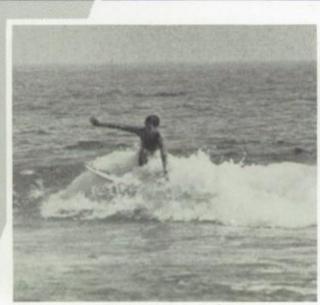
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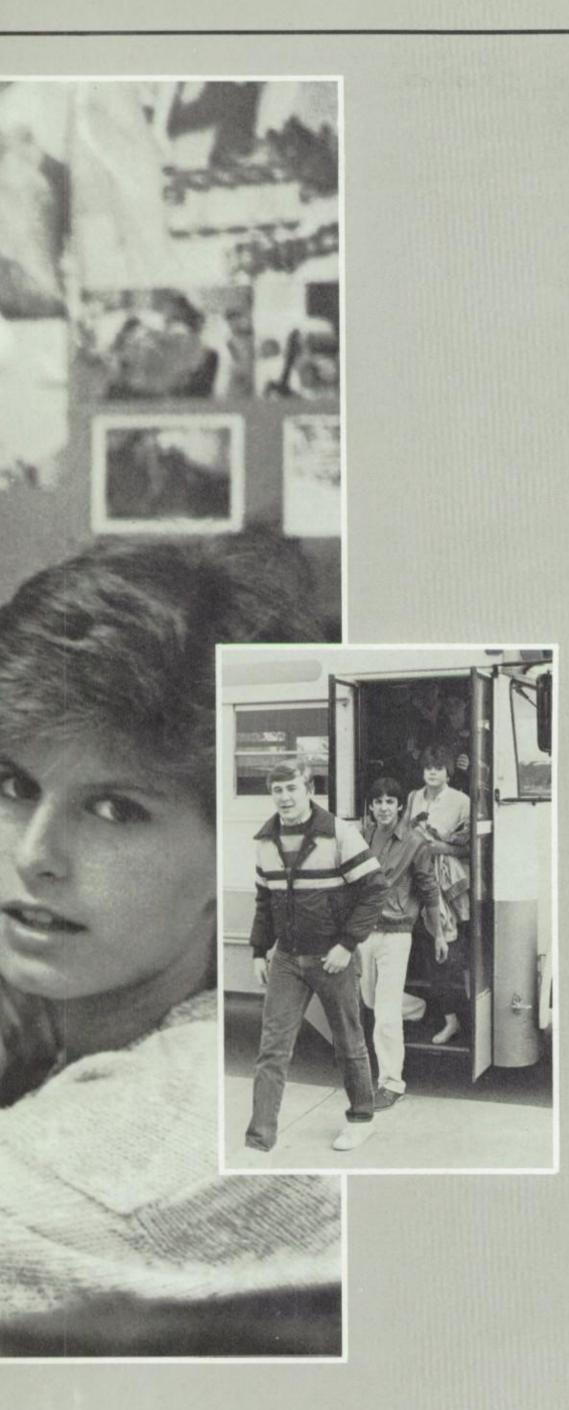












Catch The Fever

A student body is characterized by the groups that make it up. Each group has its own way of "hanging out." Whether it be puffing a few in the smoking area, clowning in the hallways, reading back issues of Surfer in the library, frantically catching up on chemistry in the cafeteria, revving engines and comparing sound systems in the parking lot, or congregating around the planter, each group experiences a Student Life all their own.

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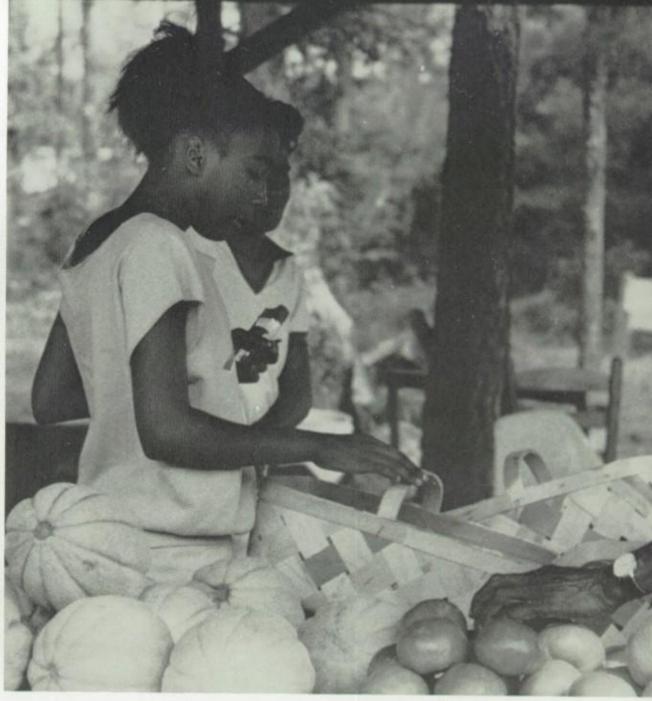
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Katina Nixon was busy this summer making a little extra "fun money" working in this neighborhood fruit stand on Highway 17.

Belk Beery never had it so good! Matese Sharpless practices her modeling poses for the home camera before going to work at Belk's.





A Little Known Fact About My Vacation

Maine: "their mailboxes are on little levers. If it snows 4 feet, then you raise your mailbox up 4 feet, and if it snows 6 feet, then you move it up 6 feet more, and so on."

— Leigh Russell

Washington, D.C.: "It wasn't exactly a summer vacation, but I met President Reagan. He was just a normal person, no bad breath or sweaty hands, but overall a nice guy."

— Torra Jacobs

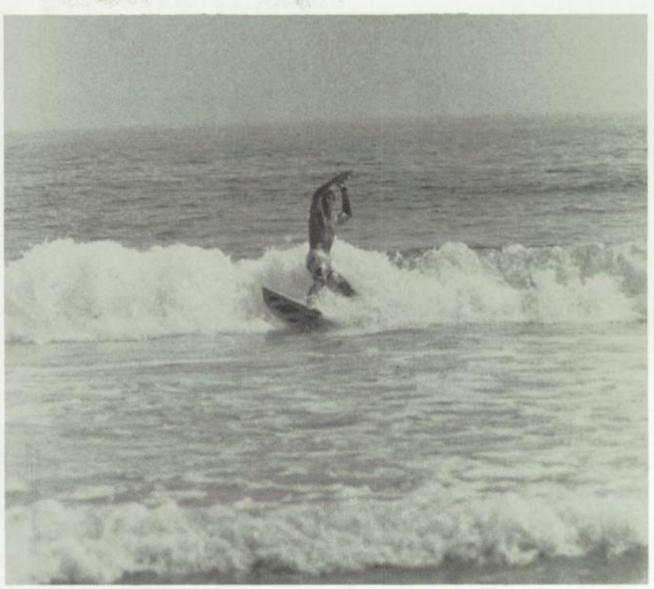


During the summer, softball provides a great way to burn off a few calories and a lot of aggression. Misty Morgan, first baseman for the

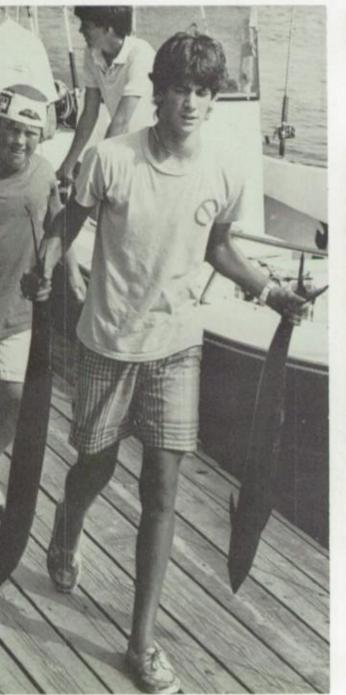
Supper Optimist team, attempts to tag out an oncoming opponent.



After those long hot summer football and soccer practices, the ocean proves to be the coolest



BLAST FROM THE PAST

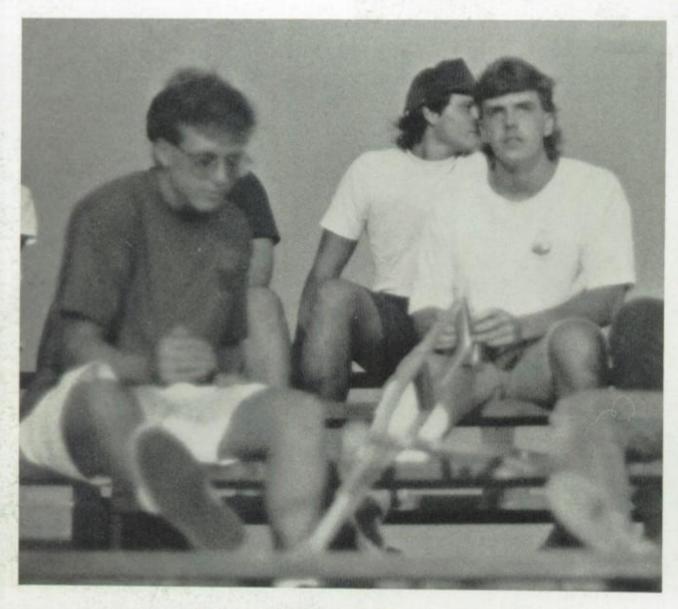


Steve Hall plays in the mud — his way — with his Yamaha YZ80 motorcycle. He spent quite a bit of his summer riding in the bogs of Scotts Hill.

No, Jason Ferrell didn't catch these big daddy fish. He was, however, helping the angler that did, at Scotts Hill Marina's annual King Mackerel Tournament. The summer of '86 was anything but uneventful. Whether Pirates were working hard at summer jobs, vacationing, or just takin' it easy on the beach, they always had something to do! Many Topsail students spent time enjoying church activities, while others were either sunbathing on distant shores or just visiting relatives a few miles away. It mattered not the magnitude of the trip or activity, because rain or shine we had a great time!

Last summer was a wild and crazy three month adventure of work and play that ended with the inevitable (but not so terrible) "return to school" Unfortunately for the football team, lineman Clint Connor had to sit this game out due to injuries sustained on the field.

Chris Amberg helps his injured comrade, Chris Sullivan, by toting his books through our dangerously crowded halls.





TOUGH BREAKS

This page could almost be called a "fad and fashion" page. It seemed that most of the football players were sporting their most expensive designer knee braces this season. These braces were made of only the finest velcro and came in many fashion colors. Coming soon to Topsail, the new orthopedic wing of our fair school. It's second only to the Hampstead stoplight.

But seriously, folks, 1986 was plagued with dozens of broken or

sprained arms, legs, and those infamous knee injuries. It's at times like these that you found out who your true friends were. True friends would rent a U-Haul for you to carry your books in, or maybe even carry your books for you by hand.

It's fortunate that many of us had such good friends to help us through those hard times that 1986 brought, but remember: "One good break deserves another."

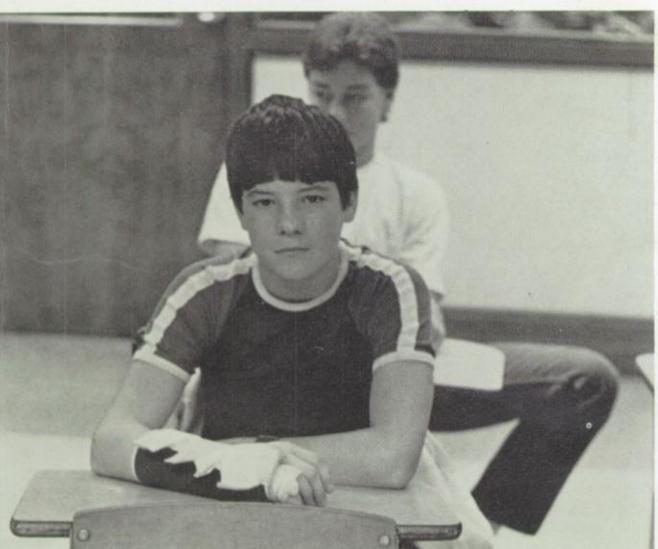
Corey Nixon points an accusing finger at someone who, no doubt, was poking fun at his situation by calling him "Crip".





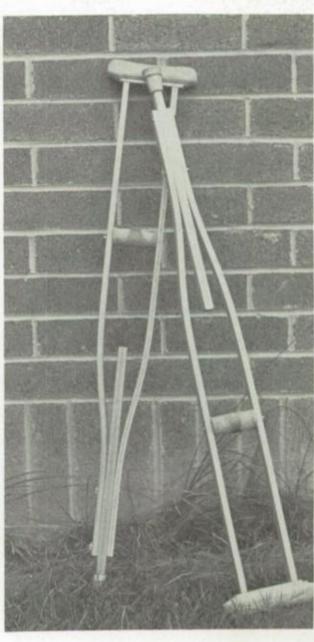
Dwight Cox and Kristi Kirk make life for crippled Tiffany Irving very rough. Tiffany broke her foot playing football with some of her other friends.

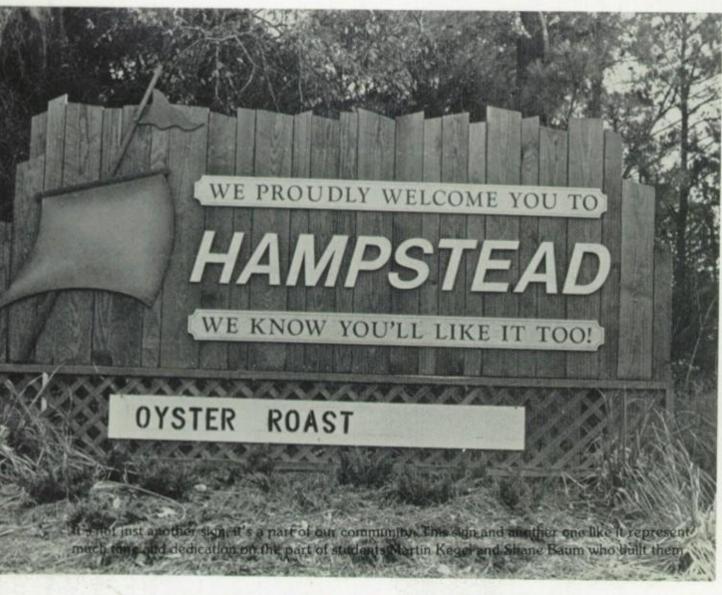




Kerry Padgett mysteriously broke his hand. Even under duress he wouldn't tell how he did it.

(Right) Crutches lean precariously against the walls of Topsail indicating the fad of the year.





CAUGHT BY THE LIGHT!

Driving down Interstate 40, a weary traveler spots a large, green sign: Hampstead, Exit 30. He thinks, "Hampstead, a nice quiet place to stay and find lodging for the night. I think I'll stop and stay at this Hampstead place."

On his way a thought strikes him: "Isn't this the town that was engulfed in a huge blaze of fire, and isn't it the place where the beaches were nearly washed away by a freak December storm and where the schools closed down due to Hurricanes Diana and Gloria? Maybe it's not the town for me," he remarks to himself. No sooner had these words escaped his mouth than he eyes a monstrous stoplight gleaming in the night. The traveler whips his graceful auto into the parking lot of a great brick building. The traveler realizes he is sitting in the post office parking lot. "Wow! what a big post office. I surely must have taken a wrong turn somewhere!"

At a glance, the traveler spots a figure lithely sprinting across the parking lot. "Excuse me, ma'am," the traveler sings out.

The sprinter turns. "Yes, what can I do for you?" she inquires, knowing by the map in his hands that this person is

definitely from out of town.

"Can you tell me where I am?" pleads the traveler.

"Oh, yes! You're in Hampstead, N.C."

The sleepy-eyed traveler takes another look at the girl outside his car and recognizes her face. "I'm sorry, but I would swear that I've seen you before."

"Well, sir, I'm Torra Jacobs," she replies.

"Oh my, yes! You're the girl who went to Washington and met President Reagan," blurts the traveler.

"Yeah, you can say I'm his financial advisor, of sorts," Torra jokes.

"Well, thanks for the information. I thought Hampstead was a small town."

"It used to be, but it's growing by leaps and bounds every day!" Torra interjects over her shoulder as she retreats.

Checking his map by the decrescendoing light of the sun, the traveler realizes that he is definitely in Hampstead. A left at the stoplight takes the lonely traveler to his lodgings and to a glorious fun-filled day at the beaches and golf courses of Hampstead, North Carolina, THE PLACE ON THE MAP!



What Was It Like In The Big Blaze?

"Scary! I can remember the time that we were sitting at Olde Point. Our trucks were hooked up together to pump water up. The fire was coming across the road toward us. there was no way to unhook the trucks and leave! We had to sit there and pray that the fire would go around us. I knew we were cooked! Luckily the fire split and went around us. None of us had had any sleep or seen our families in a week."

Brad George
 Hampstead Vol.
 Fire Dept.



Not long ago, this water pumper wasn't an uncommon sight. Without the U.S. Marine Corps and plenty of county volunteer firefighters, Topsail would no longer be standing. Mrs. Schott, Ms. Ellis, and Mrs. Walker hurriedly leave after all students had been evacuated.

Topsail's very own firefighters: (From Front) Tom Sessions, Demetrius Batts, Charles Newman, Brian Wortman, Charlie Atkinson, Alan Cutler, Byron Smith, Mark King, Billy Grindstaff, Scott Mitchell, Brian Evans, Jeff Huffstickler, Bobby Smith, Brad George, Clint Connor. THANKS, GUYS!





It's unbelievable! Hampstead has a stoplight! Lisa Lewis and Amy Henderson just can't be-

lieve it themselves. They are caught gaping at the stoplight, our town's new nighttime activity.



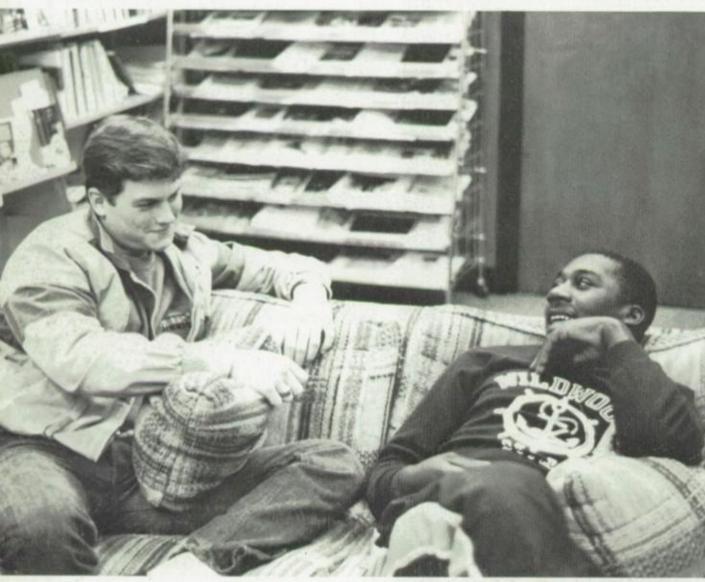
Yes, it is President Reagan, and yes, it is Torra Jacobs. Torra went to Washington, D.C. with the Close Up Club and was selected as the lucky person to personally meet Mr. Reagan and present him a plaque.

Michael Deacon rushes down to the office once again to turn in Mrs. Jones' bubble sheet. Better late than never, Mrs. Daniel!

Bobbie Jo Griffin takes advantage of her spare time to type up her English term paper.







Jamie Hollis and Willie Shepard goof off outside Ms. Cherry's office as they wait to sign up a bit ahead of time for the March S.A.T. Three heads are better than one. Ricardo Sanchez, Wendy Sanders and Melody McClung combine their ideas to get their chemistry worksheets in order.



Another day, another dollar! Jennifer Sidbury awaits the results — will her book be overdue? Terry Hansley accompanies her on this mission for moral support, and we're happy to say that Jennifer's book wasn't overdue.



DEADLINE DILEMMA

There's simply nothing better to do on a rainy day than to sit at home and watch one of those old t.v. shows while working on a research paper, a yearbook deadline, or a book report. So much can be accomplished on days like that. It's a shame we don't have more rainy days in order to complete deadlines that we've postponed or simply forgotten about until the last minute.

trapped (Charles Editor & St. Charles College

What in the world could motivate us to meet all those English, science, or even calculus deadlines on a *sunny* day? The biggest motivation for many of us was probably college. Plenty of deadlines surround the preparation for furthering our education. The most important ones are the S.A.T., admissions, and transcript deadlines — not to mention the billion other "necessities" that are due usually within a day's time.

We suggest that if you find yourself in a "deadline dilemma" when it's sunny out, pull down the shades, turn on your lamp, and pretend it's raining. This way you can meet your deadlines head on, then relax and enjoy tomorrow — deadline free!





Matese Sharpless offers her opinion to Billy Grindstaff and Marianne Randall on their photo choices for the Royal Topsail Wedding pages. Things get a bit hectic right before a yearbook deadline.

CATCH US IF YOU CAN, MOM OR DAD

It seemed bad enough for all of us to see our teachers 180 school days in a year. But sit back and think about several of your classmates and how they must have felt. Many of these "lucky" souls are closely related to the staff here at Topsail High. Think of all those long torturous hours of "timeon-task" we diligently spent with our teachers. Then think about what it would be like going home, and there's your 6th period teacher, cooking dinner or working on the car. It scares many of us, but most of these student/ teacher teams said that they didn't really mind at all.

At least you would always have

Mrs. King has already graduated her own children from Topsail. Now she will help Stephanie Anne Lea, her granddaughter, follow suit.

mom or dad there when you needed them, to sign you out or for loans of money. And your parents always knew what was going on in school and what you were up to. Of course, the latter could have been a major drawback, but after a while it got easier



It seems Mrs. Sidbury, our custodian here at Topsail, has a part of her family in most every graduating class to come. Pictured are from right to left: Quincy, John, Yolanda, and Mrs. Sidbury in the center.





Luellyn Piver stays after class with her father, Mr. Piver, for a little help in the field of government.



The Lewis family shares a rare moment of inactivity in order to pose for this shot. Karen and Kirby are much like their mother — Full of Life.

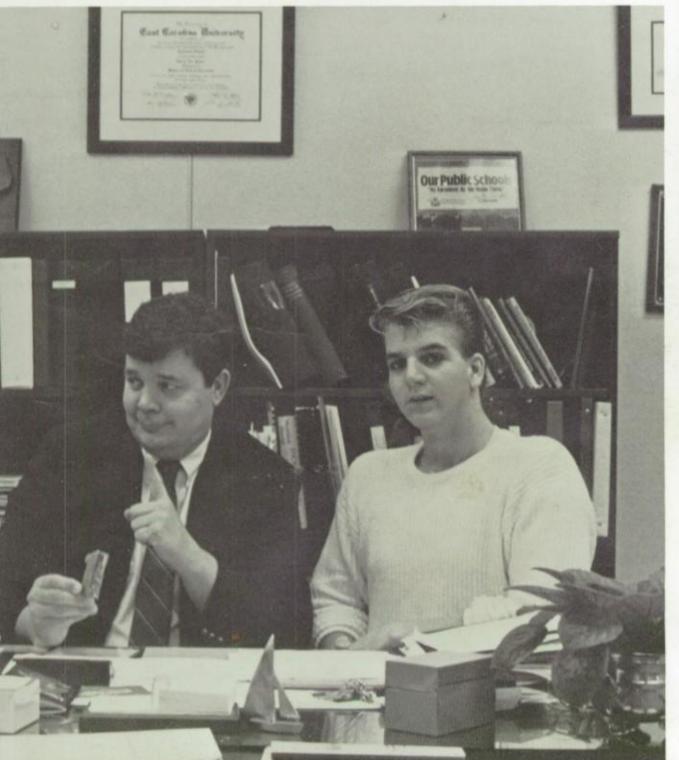


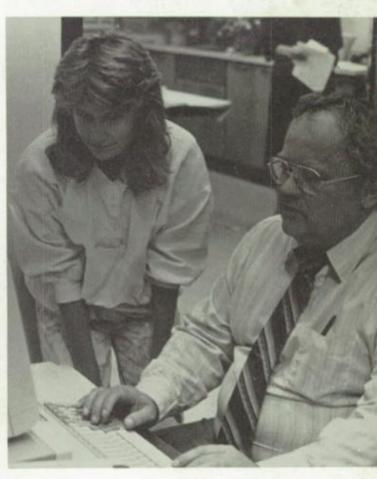


It took much encouragement, but the yearbook staff finally succeeded in getting Heather Daniel to actually pose with Mrs. Daniel, HER MOTHER, for this picture.

Brad Pate would take money from anybody, even his own mother, Mrs. Woodcock. This is one good side of having your mom working at school — access to large loans.







Anne Kermon, the first of Mr. Kermon's Family to attend Topsail High, loves to watch her father wreak havoc with his computer.

Number One Dad, Mr. Poore, shows his youngest son, Justin, the brass paperweight that Lee gave him proclaiming that he is, indeed, Number One!!!

Seniors' Words Of Wisdom

"Shoot for the moon, but if you don't make it, at least you'll be among the stars."

- Karen Lewis

"Take life as it comes. Don't try to make things happen, let them happen."

Martin Kegel

"It's better to keep your mouth shut and let people assume you're a fool than to open it and let them know it."

- Tonya Housand

"No matter what you do, life goes on like the wind, love grows like a rose, and time makes our dreams of 1987."

- Ricardo Sanchez

"There is a predetermined reason for everything that happens, and it always works out for the best in the end."

- Kathleen Reeves

Back Wash

Wanted

\$100.00 Reward

Dead or Alive

Last seen in Junior High, Room 210. When he was called to the office, this "fake" was noticed in his place. Anyone seeing this missing student, contact Topsail Vice immediately. You know the number.



How To: Get A Date

1. Cruise up in your car to the hottest spot in the neighborhood, just after an escapade of some heavy-duty mudslinging. The whitewalls must be invisible and your muffler must need replacing.

2. Scope out a good-looking chick. Turn the radio up ridiculously loud and roll down the window. Hang your head out and holler: "Yo! Babe-eeee! Lookin' good! Uh-HUH!" Make sure she notices the greasy uncombed hair. It drives 'em WILD!

3. Ease out of the car, slamming the door noisily. Spit the remnants of your tobacco on the overheated hood of

Here are a few pointers that will hopefully introduce you lonely guys to a night of funfilled romance!

the car and watch it sizzle. Unbutton your shirt to your navel and lean casually against the car. O.D. on the Brut .45 and don't forget to wear your 3" fake gold chain. Knock 'em out!

4. To the first girl who walks by, nod your head up and down, and flash her some Matt Dillon eyes.

5. The next step should be easy. Just ask her where she wants to go.

6. If this doesn't work, repeat step 4 until it does. But most of all, have confidence in who you are and what you are, even if nobody else does. Good luck!

Love Those Lockers!

If you want to know a student's character, just take a peek in his locker. This is the epitome of his lifestyle, a symbol of his person. So devoted here are a few repre-

sentations of the Topsail student body, divided into certain categories. We asked you to sign up for the type you were best noted for. Here they are:



The Beauty Queen Matese Sharpless



The Brain Mark Wright



The Slobs Cyndi Brown Julie Neff

The Jock Marin Kegel (He left early for a game.) So you think you deserved your locker in the yearbook? Well, here's your chance!

What?





Gone are the days when phrases such as "far-out" and "groovy" were put to good use. That goes also for the Totally Fab Val Vocab (remember: "gag me with a diaper"?). Colorful words today understood completely and created exclusively by teens typify the current world of our high school years.

Stepping out of the mediocre, we eloquently accent ordinarily boring conversations with the snazzy, razzle-dazzle language of the '80's. So, those of you rockin' hipsters who think you've mastered the art of teen communication, take a couple to see how much you really know. You may be surprised with appropriate definitions that we guarantee cannot be located anywhere in the dictionary. (Webster, get a clue!)

- 1. **geek** (geeek) a. one who indiscreetly gapes at girls and makes loud comments on the way they walk b. any person trying to be cool that just can't get it
- 2. moosehammer (mūss' ham ir) unusually large in size, bulk, or difficulty
- 3. **need a clue** (nēd' ə klew) needs to get in touch with life
- 4. mashed (masht) physically impaired to the point of uncon-

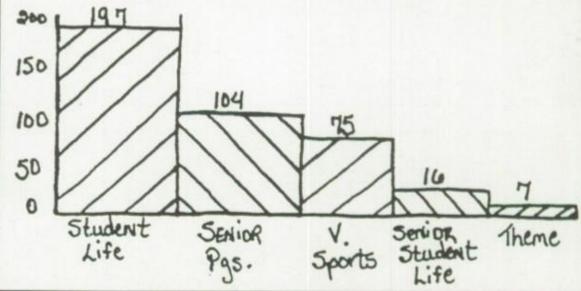
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Why isn't the whole yearbook printed in color?

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Color takes money — a lot of it, which is why we are limited to the layouts that we can put in color. We are allowed eight free color pages, and much thought is put into the selection

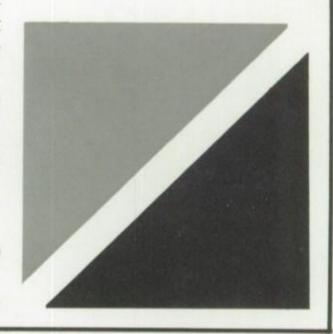
of which section will be in color. This presents a problem each year within the staff, so we decided to turn to you for help. In an opinion survey, we asked where you would like to see next year's color pages. Your results are as follows:

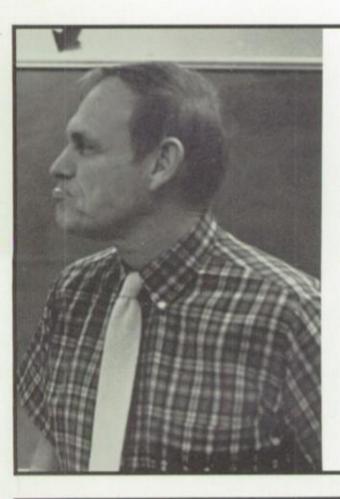


sciousness

- 5. **fired up** (fi'erd əp) really angry, or enthusiastic about one's cause
- nasty (nă'stē) usually classified under the greasy, redneck type
- 7. I don't know (i dont noé) really knows, just doesn't want to talk about it
- 8. **cool** (kul) suave without overdoing it; knowing just what to say and when to say it
- 9. **crashed** (krăsht) usually proceeding a night of extreme partying; falling abruptly to sleep
- 10. hurting (hert'n) needs a clue
- 11. **spazing out** (spăz'n owt) fanatically boisterous
- 12. off the wall (awf da

- wawl) anything out of norm 13. dude (dood) guy trying
- too hard
 14. space cadet (spas' cadet) one who stays in left field; out of touch
- 15. busted (bə' stŭd) caught in the act
- 16. catch a wave (kāch ə wāv) basically, just hang loose





My First Kiss

It was a silent, romantic evening. The silvery moonlight projected an apparition-like atmosphere. Crickets chirped melodically in the background, setting the scene for the romantic rendezvous to soon take place. He was thirteen. So was she. Her name, Barbara Jo Francis. His, Billy Maus. Intimidated by a possibly more experienced woman and still shaken by her shock at his wild grab for her hand one date earlier, he found it difficult to muster the cour-

age to consummate the heat of the moment. Not wanting to ask to kiss her first, he finally executed the tactical maneuver, with the skill of most youthful novices. Afterwards, he desperately racked his brain for a clever quip to ease the embarrassment.

Ultimately, he suavely blurted, "You look so much better in the moonlight!"

Taken aback, Barbaro Jo replied "Thanks a lot!" and abruptly stormed into the house.

What's The First Thing You Look For In a Girl/Guy?



"I notice body, face, eyes, and smile."

Adrian Spicer sophomore



"How he would look in a tux." — Tanya Pollard sophomore



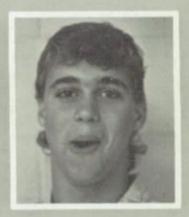
"Gorgeous body first. Face second."

Billy Grindstaff senior



"His clothes, hair, and walk."

Kim Nixon, sophomore



"Pretty smile and legs."

Richard Thomas junior

Do You Remember When

- School was evacuated due to an inferno?
- The first home football game was played . . . and we won?
- Ronald Toby backed his bus into the ditch?
- We didn't have clubs?
- Topsail was used as a hurricane shelter?
- The escaped convict ran rampant about Hamp-stead?
- We had pep rallies?
- The Big Zucchini Jug Band played?
- Greg Mosher ran into the light pole?
- The cheerleaders did some role-reversal at the Powder-Puff games?
- Seniors used to leave school five minutes early?
- We were exempt from exams?



How many hours a week do you spend on the phone?



"About eight hours a week to guys."

Linda Stutz sophomore



"None now; I'm restricted."

 John Rivenbark freshman



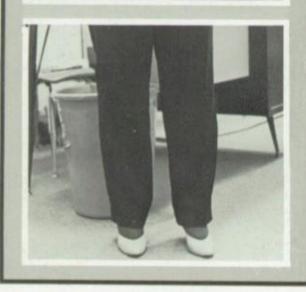
"Ten hours; mostly to girls."

Dwight Cox sophomore

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What Ball?

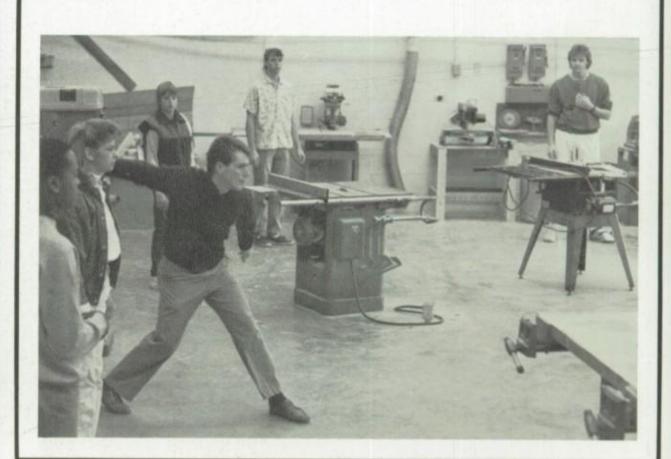
Silent Ball? What in the world is Silent Ball? If you hang around Mr. Garrett's Industrial Arts class, maybe you'd be familiar with this new craze that's sweeping the Topsail population.

It is an activity played with a ball of wadded tape. The court area required is the available space of the shop. Players position themselves about the perimeter and are "silenced". If a player utters a word, he is out. He throws the ball underhanded to another player. He cannot throw it back to the same per-

son, nor can the ball hit the ground. It is okay for the ball to rebound off machines or other obstacles.

Why do the students employ their time like this? As stated by Mr. Garrett, it gives them a break from routine. He observed it being played in a junior high school in Raleigh and chose to spread the ritual southward here at Topsail.

Who knows? Maybe the new addition to the '88 Winter Olympics will originate from Topsail High's Industrial Arts Class!



The look of a new generation ... Jimmy Z's ... I like your Swatch ... Varnets ... Tom Cruise ... Word Up ... the Monkees ... Mustang GT's ... Forenza ... surf report ... anything for a laugh ... blonde hair, blue eyes ... Wild, wild life ... Driver 8 ... st..st..stupid ... lean, mean volleyball machine ... look at all these rumors ... clubs are here again ... so red the rose ... O.D. on Midol ... Cliff Notes ... Uni-balls ... "Can I see your Spanish notebook? ... GCF's ... Airlie Gardens ... "Meet us at the Hut" Brut spastic colon GQ Week of Doom From the Hip hoop earrings inflatable palm trees ... Reeboks ... primal yell ... "Gotta get them bears!" ... So? Topsail Vice ... Martha Quinn's what? ... Pound Puppies ... death to the Smurfs ... no excuses ... INXS ... mod squad ... I can't breathe! P.J. ... leather & lace ... Walk like an Egyptian ... 6 foot and glassy ... Hortense ... Liveaid ... I Went To Kill The Deer I Have Killed The Deer French kissing in the USA mousse Kathleen made it before 9:00! ... red hair ... Dial Dominoes ... speed demons ... bird nest ... baby talk ... Jeremy, you make my body tremble! ... pass the Tylenol ... Top Gun ... mocktails ... 501 Blues ... Eat 'em & Smile ... Guess? ... twist and shout ... Garbage Pail Kids ... Dragon Lady ... Jams: the place 2 B! ... Jostens-A household name Yeah, I'll bet! ... I got chills, they're multiplyin'! ... Pocahontas ... say it isn't so "Get off my case!" ... true blue ... crazy from the heat ... "No, this is a knife." ...

Expressions Of '87

Moonlighting pink flamingos Bill Cosby Homerun! banana clips Cucumber Twins ... kiss & tell ... Fire! ... wet your pants ... The Moon Is Down The Heads ... Greenpeace ... hot fries ... "Traci, can I borrow your calculator?" ... no more Elk's Club ... surf's up! ... bolos ... the principal does tables, too ... showdown deadline stress test ... we're all in this together ... R.E.M. in concert ... Can't get enough of that Pirate Stuff ... throwin' it all away ... Mouth of the South ... Giorgio The roof is on fire ... lean on me ... Al-T.V. ... Rock-n-Roll Rebel ... Soap, Soup, and Salvation ... stonewashed denim ... Black and blue ... brainstorming ... You gotta fight, for your right, to Par-TY!!! ... Williwood ... you're wearing THAT to school? mudslinging ... Mr. Carter kills Bambi's ... Party at Dino's place! ... The nerve, the absolute nerve! ... Bolt ... Wanna buy a candy bar? ... No shades in the building! Fitness Fever ... wild and wooly ... braindrain ... Partying down with Mickey! (Grad Night '87!) ... Bacon & Eggs ... Ray-Bans ... "No calculators, troops!" ... Mr. Ed Goes to Washington ... nobody does it better ... Pothole Patrol ... draggin' down Olde Point Road giggle G&S Suicidal Tendencies The Limited The Dead Milkmen through the hoop ... heads up! ... your what? ... 41351 ... I got some change in my pocket — Is your car registered? — Friday 13th — yeah, it is! — 'presh! — Baby Cropper — cruisin' — Tex-Mex — "Not so fast, Gonzolez!" — Vogue — Topsail cuisine: buffet style! ... Paco ... shoot a paisley in the heart ... eat & run ... what a bargain! ... California Dreamin' ...

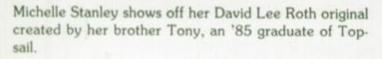
John Neville sports the latest fad in female hair wear — the banana comb!

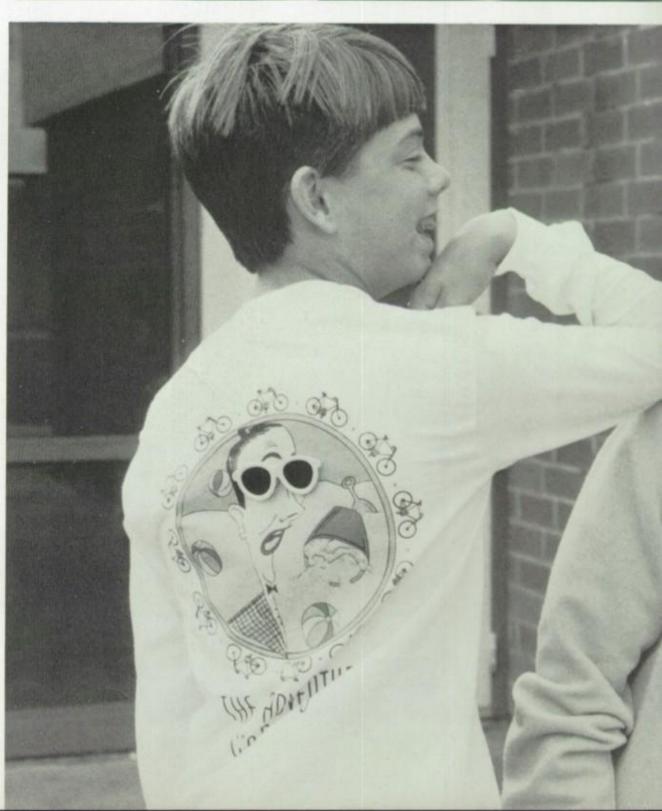
Wild stripes and color combinations adorn these Jams worn by Michael Davis, Howard Miller, and Luellyn Piver.













SPOT THE CRAFE

Fashion or fad? This was the question asked most about the different styles sported by Topsail students during 1986-87. Starting off the year in Jams and Hobie t-shirts were our surf freaks and "beach people," while spectators followed their lead. On the colder side of Topsail fashion, oversized sweatshirts, jeans, and long skirts cut with deep slits complemented by three inch heels adorned the halls.

Our more daring students wore silver or gold-toned shoes with matching purses while others sported long trench coats for looks and warmth. Banana combs, large hoop earrings,

long strings of beads, and even fake fingernails accessorized the latest in chic ensembles. Inspired by such movies as "Out of Africa" and "Crocodile Dundee," khakis and safari clothes were all the rage.

These collective styles might seem a bit diverse, but they demonstrated the variety of students' tastes and the influence upon them during the year. So how long would any one of these styles last? Could they be called fashion or fad? We'll let you define these. No matter what the craze, Topsail students made history with their own individual styles.





Joanna Taylor gives Erik Morgan a skeptical look as Erik has the nerve to compare his Pee Wee Herman shirt to her Mickey Mouse.

Wendy Rogers finds typing difficult when wearing fake nails. Students' grades oftentimes reflect their emphasis on fashion over utility.

BEATING THE BLAHS

Those days ... everybody has 'em. You wake up in the morning and your hair looks as if you just put your finger in a light socket, and you feel as if you really did! On the way to the car, the dog greets you with a big hug and leaves muddy pawprints all over your white shirt. Finally you make it to school, late as usual, and the teacher tells you to turn in your homework. After a diligent search through ALL your belongings, the only thing you can find is your best excuse. You point to the muddy shirt and exclaim, "The dog ate it!!!"

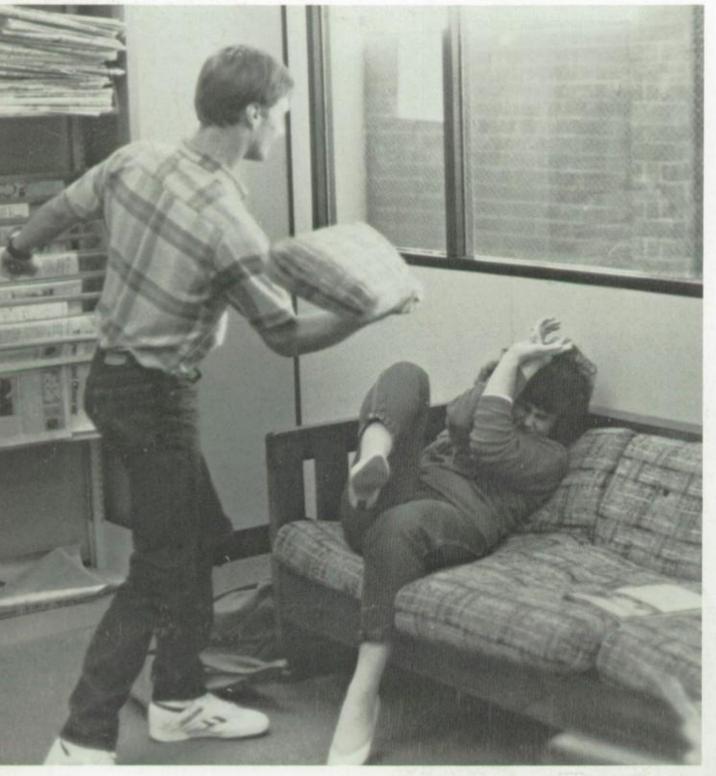
You make it to 4th period with virtually no dilemmas, and you say to yourself, "Hey, maybe this day won't be so bad after all." But then you find it was just too good to be true. You

receive a summons to Mr. Kermon's office, only to find that your car is *not* parked between the two little white lines. You are then threatened with a 7th period, and sent back to class.

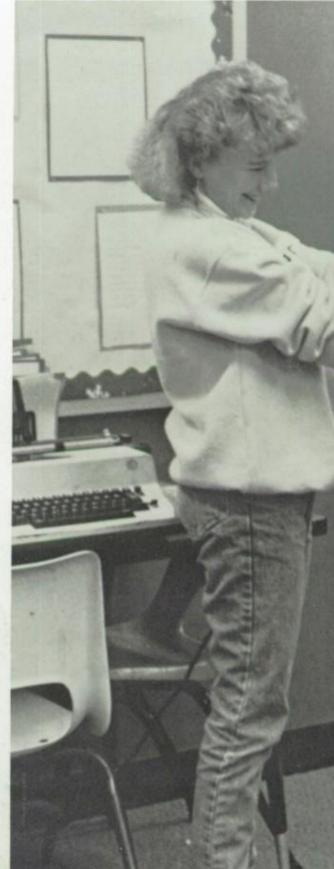
Finally, 3:05! You open your locker, only to be bombarded with books. Hurriedly you throw everything back into your locker so you can get home and get this day over with. You get into your car, ready to go, but it takes 30 minutes just to get to the highway because you've managed to get behind every single bus.

People deal with their "Blahs" differently. Michelle Stanley likes to sit in her car and crank up the radio while Susan Satterfield likes to write poetry. How do you deal with your "Blahs"?

Martin Kegal and Tonya Housand "Beat the Blahs" with some plain childish fun.



With mallet in hand, Marianne Randall looks as if she's wiping out "The Blah", Nickey Graham.



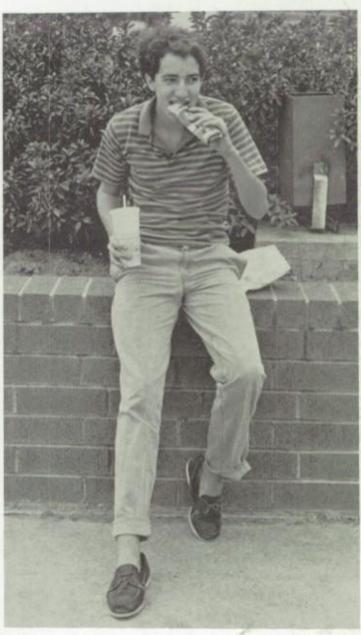


Finding the best way to escape a hectic day at cheerleading camp, Cyndi Brown forgets her troubles through sleep.

Connie Ryce takes a moment between classes to chat with her boyfriend, Dennis. Connie, like many other Topsail students, finds that a phone call can brighten an otherwise dull day.







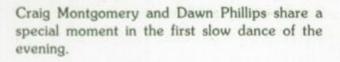
Scott Bradshaw seeks comfort from "The Golden Arches".

Prom Queen Lori Hobbs and others lift their dresses to reveal the garters hidden beneath which were presented to their escorts during a special ceremony.









They came, they saw, they kicked their
_____! Ghostbusters left to right are Scott
Crouch, Mark Wright, John Taylor, and Leroy
Johnson.





Ready to smile for the camera at the spur of the moment, Teresa Batson brightens up the scene with her vibrant personality.

Students Cindy Skipper and Bob Boughner (far right) join a visiting couple as they give new meaning to the song, "The Freaks Come Out at Night."



THIS COULD BE THE NIGHT 1986 JR. SR. PROM

A night out on the town was accentuated by the decorative efforts of the 1986 junior Prom Committee.

TWIST AND SHOUT!



Mrs. McChesney and her husband, David, show their true colors at this year's Halloween Dance which was sponsored by the band boosters.

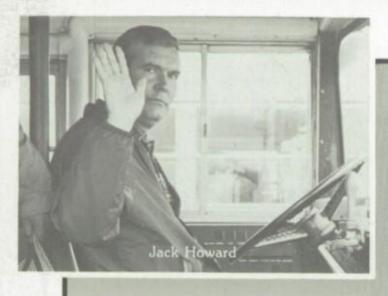
It's 6:55. Your hair is still up in hot rollers. You've just discovered a run in your hose, and as you remove your curlers, one of your Lee High Fashion Nail Tips (glamour length) snaps off. Before you can save it, it's already down the drain.

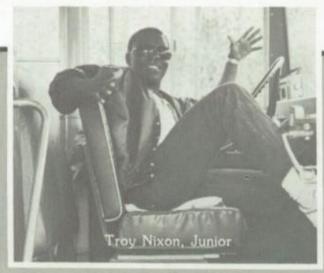
It's now 7:30. You have rushed to get ready on time and inevitably your date is late. Finally at 7:55, the doorbell rings. Your date has two razor nicks on his face with the bits of tissue still clinging.

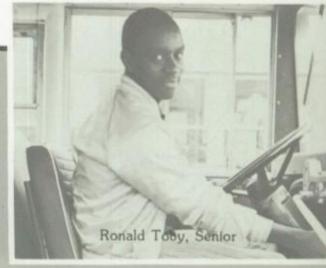
"Sorry I'm late," he apologizes.

"Never mind. Let's go." And you make a hasty exit with your parents chasing you out the door, Polaroid in hand.

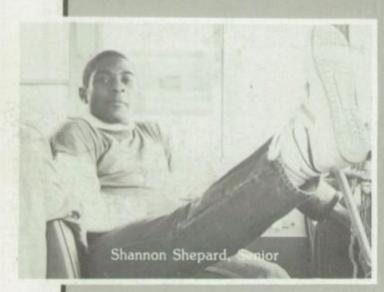
Yes, you guessed it. It's another high school dance.











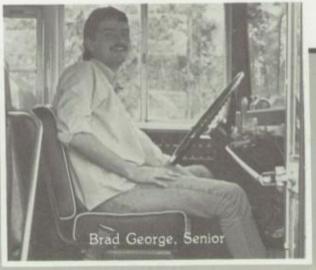


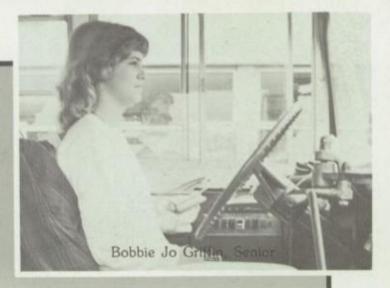




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Safety First

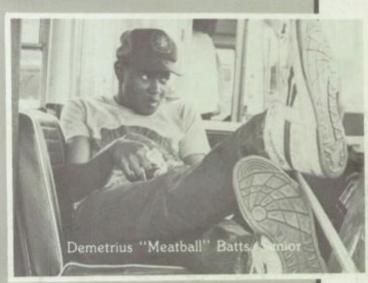
The 1986-1987 school year has been interesting, if not for you, at least for the bus drivers of Topsail High. These dedicated young men and women, with the help and leadership of Mr. Bob Kermon, did their best day after day to provide safe and adventurous transportation to and from school. Topsail bus drivers have perfect safety records and always make safety their number one priority.

Being a bus driver may look easy, but as it was put by senior Joe Batts, "My advice to anyone wishing to be a bus driver would be to assign seats right off the bat. Don't take any bull from the passengers and keep your eyes on the road."

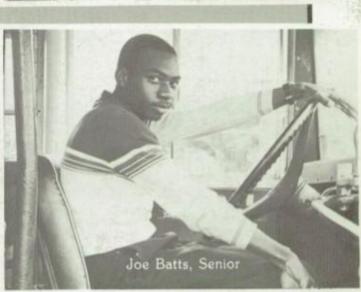
It takes good driving skills, a lot of responsibility, and plenty of patience. Responsible bus drivers must be able to endure the yelling kids and other minor disturbances while still maintaining a cool head and making sure the bus and its passengers stay under control.

Many of our veteran bus drivers will be graduating this year, and we would like to commend them for their hard work and dedication while wishing the new drivers the best of luck.







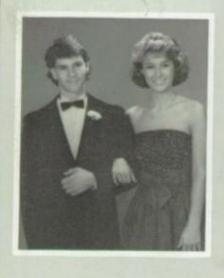




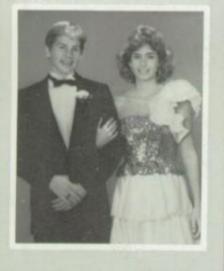
"I felt privileged because the outcome was great. I thought there was a lot of hard work put into preparing for homecoming



Shelly and Curtis



Todd and Julie



Jeremy and Tammy

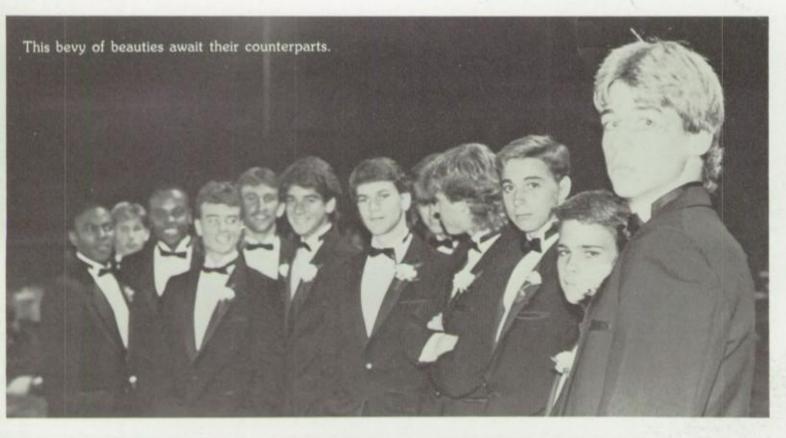


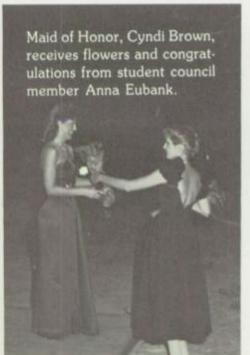


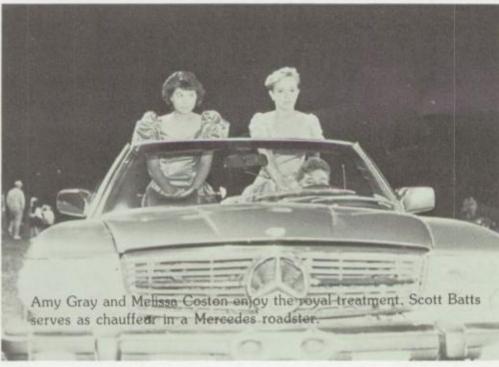
Freshman Representative Amy Gray is helped from the car by Chuck Batts.



Tonya Housand appears as if she is floating on a cloud after being selected Homecoming Queen. Anna Eubank gives her a congratulations hug.







Catch A Glimpse

Excitement mounted as the halftime buzzer sounded signifying the end of the first half and the start of the 1987 Homecoming show. As the last football player wearily trailed off the field, announcer Dora Johnson welcomed students, parents and friends to participate in the Homecoming festivities.

Proud relatives hurriedly attached flashbulbs or loaded cameras so those special smiles projected by the young ladies and their escorts would be captured as they glided across the field toward the platform.

Reigning Queen Leigh Anne Ruegner, escorted by Athletic Director Ed Gibson, patiently awaited the moment she would relinquish her title. At last the final candidate for queen took her place. Anticipation rose throughout the stadium ... Gripping tightly to their escorts, the girls made it clear they were more than ready to hear the next announcement.

"Our 1987 maid of honor — Ms. Cyndi Brown." The crowd cheered. "And now for the moment we've all been waiting for," Dora continued. "The new 1987

Homecoming Queen is Ms. Tonya Housand!" Tears of happiness streamed down Tonya's face as the realization struck her. Her younger brother, Ryan, shyly approached her with a congratulatory hug. Crowning the twelve year veteran of Topsail Schools, Coach Gibson smiled and kissed Tonya's cheek for good luck.

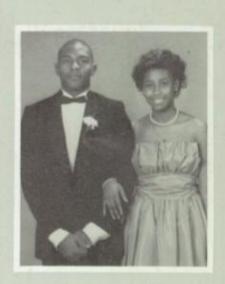
Slowly but surely our new queen made her first debut around the field as happy family and friends cheered her on.



Richard and Tonya



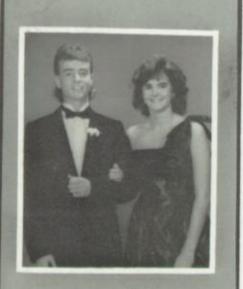
Jamie and Cyndi



Shannon and Shana



David and Lisa



Michael and Natalie



Jason and Karen



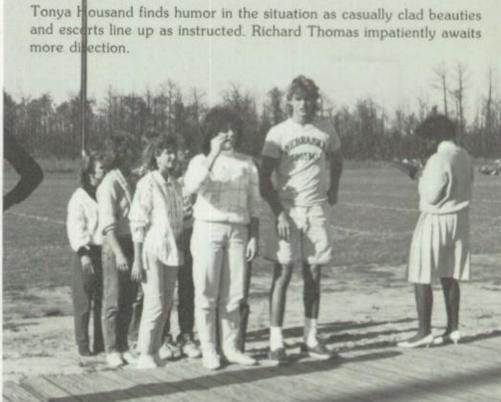
John and Matese



Clint and Tanya

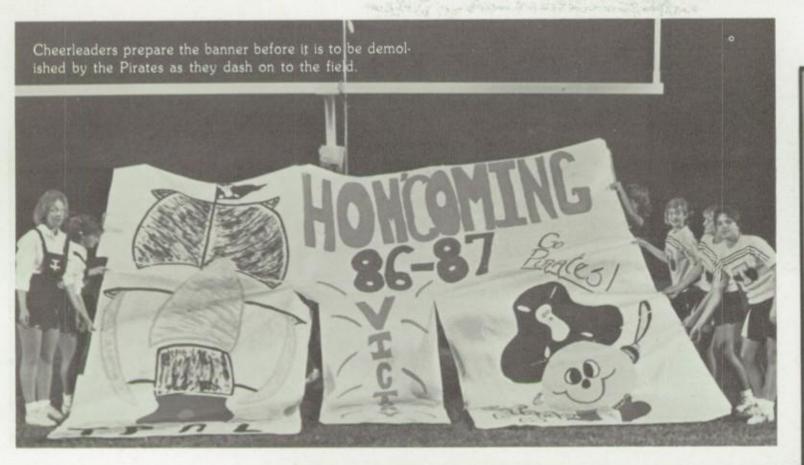




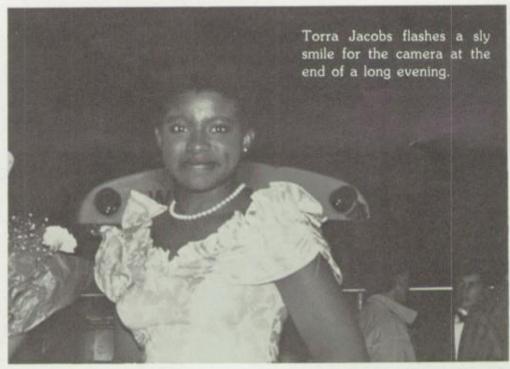




Shelly Pearson is amused at the thought of Curtis Lee "checking her out."

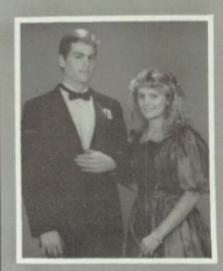








The combined squads cheer for the Pirates at the Homecoming Game.



Jamie and Christina



Chuck and Amy

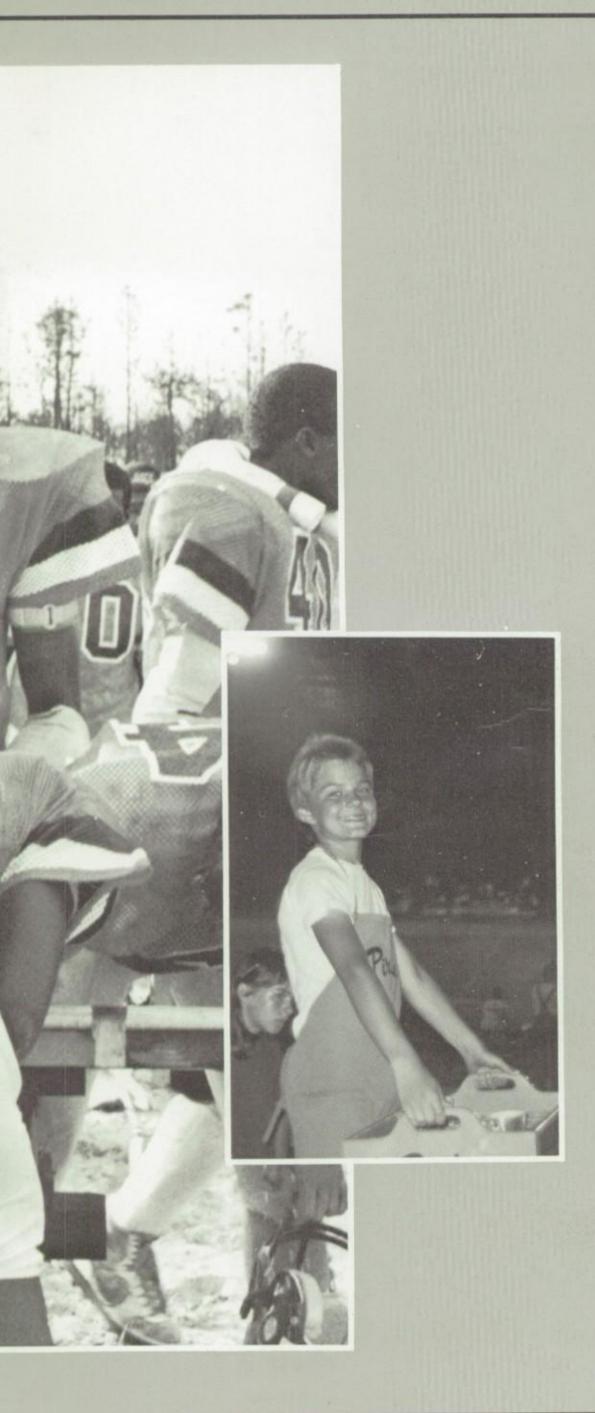


Michael and Melissa

I'm glad
everything
turned out as it
did because
now I can always say I was a
part of the
1986-87 Homecoming."

Curtis Lee





CATCH THE SPIRIT

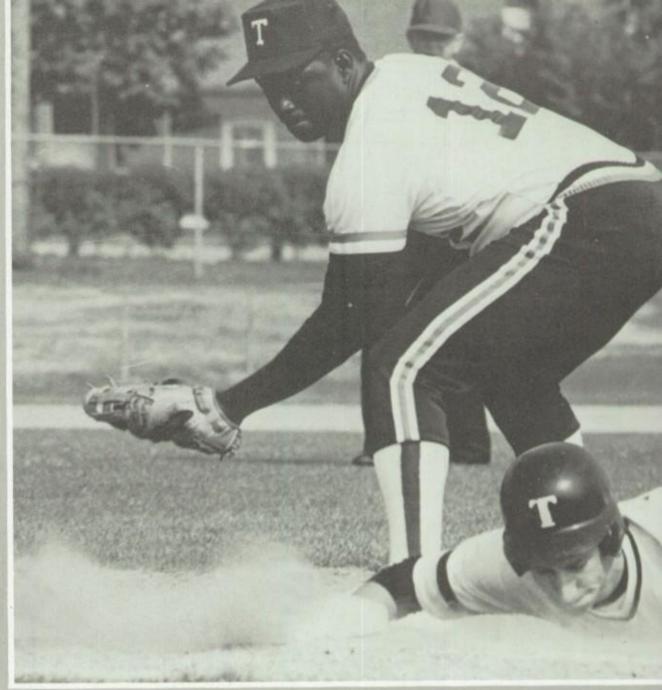
"I want my AL-TV!" was the common cry as the televised network (courtesy of Al Watkins) proudly aired Topsail varsity football and volleyball games. Among other changes were the new coaches, uniforms, junior high volleyball tryouts in the fall, and an overall greater participation in athletics. Athletes were not allowed to leave early, even for away games, and were kept in class all day in order to add more working hours to the students' curriculum.

Varsity Baseball	42-43
Varsity Softball	44-45
Varsity Golf	46-47
Varsity Football	48-49
Varsity Soccer	50-51
Varsity Volleyball	52-53
Varsity Cheerleaders	54-55
Varsity Boys	
Basketball	56-57
Varsity Girls	
Basketball	58-59
JV Basketball	60
Jr. High Football	61
JV Cheerleaders and	
Jr. High Cheerleaders	62-63
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Curtis Lee makes an eye-opening slide to second base while his opponent looks on.

Left to right from front: K. Thompson, E. Davis, J. Ferrell, C. Loughlin, J. Newton, M. Batson, B. Evans, Asst. Coach Paschall, G. Gales, R. Southerland, M. Hanc, M. Smith, C. Lee, A. Cutler, C. Hall, M. Griffith, Coach Foy.







The Topsail Pirates warm up for another victory.

Jeremy Newton gives Mike Davis, the team's bat boy, some pointers on the game.









CAUGHT IN AN UPSWING

It's the bottom of the seventh, the Pirates lead by 2. Princeton runners take their leads from second and third. Junior right hander Curtis Lee fires toward the plate. The batter rips a vicious line drive toward third. Junior third baseman Alan Cutler leaps high to snag the shot and fires to junior second baseman Keith Thompson for the double play. Pirate players, coaches, and fans rush onto the field. It's a dream come true. The Pirates have just won their first ever state playoff game!

The 1986 version of Pirates baseball was an exciting success. The 15 wins included an 8-4 conference mark, and big non-conference victories over Wallace-Rose Hill and South Brunswick. Graduating



Chris Loughlin takes a few practice swings before stepping up to the plate.

seniors Mike Smith, Martin Hanc, and Mike Griffith would be missed. but the return of six starters was reason enough for Coach Foy to be optimistic. All-conference honors went to ace hurler Curtis Lee, third baseman Alan Cutler, and pitcher/ first baseman Mike Smith. Juniors Michael Batson and Keith Thompson, along with freshman Chris Loughlin, provided consistent offensive fire power. Senior Martin Hanc, a native of Czechoslovakia, was quite a story. As the Pirate starter in centerfield, Hanc had no previous playing experience; however, he connected for 15 hits and played excellent defense throughout the year. Junior right-fielder Eddie Davis also collected enough hits to be looked on as a leader in the Pirate outfield in '87.

This excellent team achieved their place in the state playoffs because of hard work and determination. Coach Foy feels all the players learned a lot. He proclaims, "Next year we will be well ahead of the rest. So many boys are returning, we're really fired up."

CONFERENCE SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Topsail/Score	
Swansboro	W	9-0
LeJeune	L	4-0
Southwest	W	11-6
Dixon	L	7-1
Richlands	W	10-7
Jones	W	6-2
Swansboro	W	3-1
Dixon	W	10-2
Richlands	W	14-4
Jones	L	7-3
Princeton (playoffs)	W	8-6
Jones (playoffs)	L	8-3

Mike Smith attempts to foresee the runner's next move. It takes quick reflexes and concentration.

TAKE A RIDE TO THE TOP

Spirits were high during the 1985-86 softball season as the Varsity girls worked hard for their conference record of 9-4, which led them to the first round of the state playoffs, making Topsail history. This third place team had many outstanding leaders, such as Renee Fuller, Susan Geddie, and Shelly Pearson. Each girl had a batting average of four hundred. Coach Carol Cutler felt the team played to the best of their ability and the future seasons look bright, despite the fact of losing five starting seniors. Expectations for another winning season were expressed by the team members as well as Coach Cutler.

Opponent	Topsail
Laney	Won
Acme Delco	Lost
Wilmington Christian	Won
Southwest	Won
Lejeune	Lost
Dixon	Lost
Richlands	Won
Jones Sr.	Won
Wilmington Christian	Won
Swansboro	Won
Southwest	Lost
Dixon	Won
Richlands	Won
Jones	Won

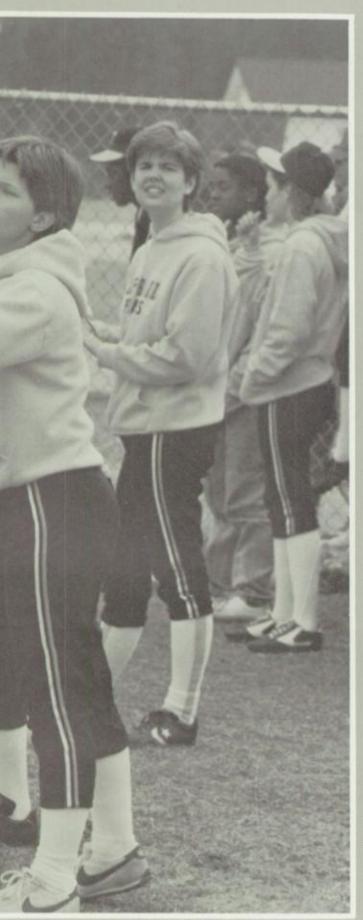




Coach Carol Cutler shows a discouraged look as tension builds.

Reaching for the sky, freshman starter Esther Rochelle makes a perfect play. (far right)

Watching the ball intently, Shelly Pearson strokes an awesome hit. (left)



Front: T. Batts, M. Randall, S. Smith; Second Row: T. Morgan, A. Francis, P. Leitch, S. Pearson, S. Matthews, M. Slater, K. Johnson; Third Row: Coach Cutler, A. Batts, A. Baine, S. Batts,

M. Sharpless, D. Jacobs, M. Register, M. Ferrell; Fourth Row: S. Geddie, R. Fuller, L. Russell, D. Johnson, T. Little, W. Rogers.







1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

As the ball nears the plate, Wendy Rogers prepares to round the bases. (left)

Spectators T. Housand, B. Elmore, S. Daniels, E. Jordan, take a quick break from the action on the field. (above)

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CATCH THE BIRDIE

"Never quote a

golfer on how well

they played the

game; the out-

come will always

Coach Ed Gibson

be a lie."

A freshly mowed course glistened brightly in the sun awaiting the merciless young golfers and their lethal clubs. "Aarrgh!", cried the golfers as they dug divots (look it up — we had to) in the green. "All right!", exclaimed others as they shot birdies on the 17th hole. Our spirit driven golfers, with the support of Topsail Greens and Belvedere Plantation, gave the opposition a run for their money.

They attacked the perfect green courses with determination and raw skill, always remembering the old Hammurabi saying, "an eye for an eye; and a tooth for a tooth".

About midway through the season,

their coach, semi-pro Tray Cook, and Athletic Director Coach Ed Gibson took over the job of "baby-sitting" (his term) the wild group of golfers. Even though golf was not his "cup of tea" he would have a firmer grasp of the game with this year's experience by next season.

When asked if he had any remarks about the team's strengths and weak-

nesses, Coach Ed Gibson commented, "I would say vulgarity was their strength and profanity was their weakness. All kidding aside, young talent on this team means that the future looks bright."

Some of this wonderful talent was brought to the team by great leaders. Senior Captains David Williams and Martin Kegel were leading medalists throughout the season, as was Fresh-

man Chuck Batts.

As seen through the eyes of Martin Kegel, "Golf is unique. It is the only sport that doesn't practice at school. We also don't have to run calisthenics. We just walk around, hit the golf ball, and pray it drops in the hole. The

sport is hard to perfect and very frustrating at times, but it's fun. You first have to meet the criteria of a lazy person, but the practicing consumed a lot of time".

With this positive attitude towards the sport of golf, and the waves of improvement year after year, there is no limit to their success in the future.

SCOREBOARD

LOCATION	TOPSAIL
Away	Lost
Home	Won
Home	Won
Home	Won
Away	Won
Home	Lost
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This is the life! Golf Coach Ed Gibson takes it easy as the golf team sweats it off.





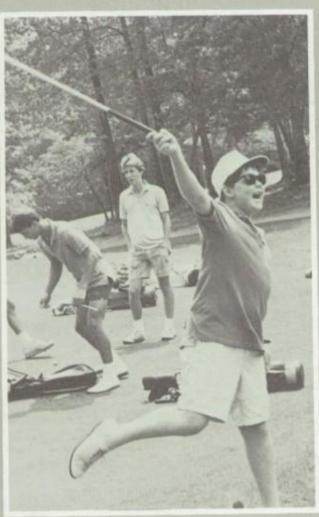


Martin Kegel lines up a putt as two opponents stand in awe.

BACK - C. Batts, D. Williams, E. Gibson, M. Kegel, D. Grubbs, FRONT - C. Amberg, J. Poteat, S. Covil, R. Satterfield, M. Manuel.









AH FORE! Leading medalist Chuck Batts follows through with his swing.

At the beginning of the match, David Grubbs looks as if he has already had enough.

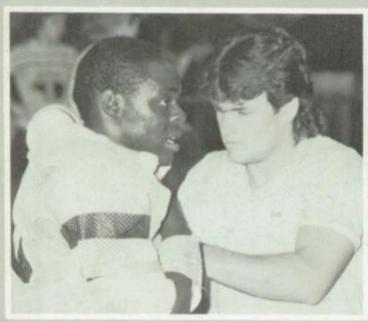
He got all of that one!! Upcoming star Tony Brite swings through the ball. (far left)

The untold story shows in the faces of Michael Oppegaard and Rodney Marshall. Michael has to sit this one out after injuring his knee.

Onlooking coaches watch intently, hoping the last play sent in was successful.

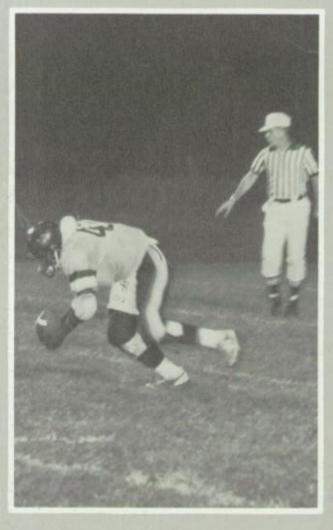






Chris Sullivan assists Troy Nixon as Troy prepares to return to the field. Chris sat out the rest of the season due to a knee injury.

Tailback Troy Nixon receives a pass from Ronald Toby in the homecoming game against Richlands.



Quarterback Ronald Toby tears down the field with only one thought in mind — TOUCHDOWN!





SEASON . . . SWEET AND SOUI

With the loss of many key players at the start of the '86 football season, the team struggled. Leadership and desire were goals that were set and accomplished by sheer determination. Even though the Pirates fell short of their conference dream, they attained very valuable experience that would be utilized in the future. Coach Frazier felt "the team laid the foundation for many seasons to come." Although there were many heartbreaks and injuries, everyone pulled together and worked hard.

Senior Brian Evans was somber about his last year, but was glad that many young football players would be coached by "two of the greatest coaches in Topsail's history," Coach Tom Frazier and Coach Richard Foy. Sophomore Lee Carden felt the defense was very aggressive and always "played to the best of their ability." With the loss of only three seniors, the '87 season looked bright, while the sweet and sour season of '86 was remembered with mixed emotions.

Opponent	Topsail
Tarheel	Lost
West Brunswick	Lost
Magnolia	Won
Acme-Delco	Lost
Parkton	Won
Orrum	Lost
Jones Sr.	Lost
South West	Lost
Swansboro	Lost
LeJune	Lost
Dixon	Lost

Captains

Michael Oppegaard	(Senior)
Rodney Marshall	(Junior)
Troy Nixon	(Junior)
Brian Evans	(Senior)
Ronald Toby	(Senior)





Front: Melvin Sharpless, Warren Garrison, Dwight Cox, David Kelly, Melvin London, Michael Oppegaard, Martin Kegel, Zarnell Hardison, Jeff Parker. Middle: Brian Evans, Darrick Hassell, Troy Nixon, Rodney Marshall, Chris Sullivan, Ronald Toby, Eric Rodgers, Troy Lamb, Lee Carden. Back: Coach Frazier, Clint Connor, Anthony Smith, David Duncan, David MacAlpine, Wayne Ross, Tiyo Robinson, Robbie Gunter, Steven Jones, Ray Fisher, Chris Amburg, Kevin Walton, manager.

EFFORT MEASURES SUCCESS

The '86 soccer team was definitely more talented than their record revealed. Coach Paschall and his players did not consider only wins and losses when they measured their success. This year the team played against their toughest competition ever. as it was expressed by senior Curtis Lee: "I felt that the season went o.k. It was just that we went up against more experienced teams that had been playing since Jr. High. That little bit extra really gave them the edge."

Enthusiasm was the main ingredient that carried the team through the bad times and made them always strive to be the best. Senior Traci Little added. "The team never gave up. If anything, when we were behind, we would try harder." Even though the season had been less than rewarding (statistically), Topsail soccer players had what it took inside to be great athletes, desire, determination, and guts. As explained by Senior Alan Cutler, "I felt like overall we played to the best of our ability, although we had a very young team." Coach Bill Paschall was eagerly anticipating the '87 season and believed they would be "better than ever."

THS	Score	Opponent/S	core
1	Cape Fear	Academy	2
1	Hampton	Roads	5
2	Coastal A	cademy	3
1	Laney		3
1	Laney		5
4	Wilm. Chr	istina Aca.	2
2	Cape Fear	Academy	2
6	Wilm. Chr	istian Aca.	2
2	Havelock		4
2	Swansboro		9
0	White Oak		2
0	Swansbord		6
1	White Oak	(4
0	LeJeune		1
3	Havelock		7







As sophomore player Reid Satterfield unmercifully smashes into his opponent, junior Jeremy Newton anxiously awaits the next play (top photo).

Ennett Carter uses his fancy footwork to advance the ball downfield (right).

Front: J. Newton, T. Little, R. Phillips, M. Kegel, E. Davis, C. Lee, A. Cutler, K. Thompson, D. Batts. Back: Coach Bill Paschall, P. Paschall, mgr., A. Spicer, J. Julien, B.Davis, J. Poteat, S. Bradshaw, T. Curry, C. Batts, C. Loughlin, C. Atkinson, D. Davis, M. Davis, mgr., J. Atkinson, Coach Jay Tilghman.





Curtis Lee strives to keep the ball inbounds and in Topsail's possession.

Sophomore Brad Davis fights to make a fast break as his opponent scrambles for the ball.









Martin Kegel displays his kicking expertise while mounting an attempt to keep the ball out of Topsail territory.

Sophomore Charlie Atkinson diligently dribbles the ball up the field as he keeps his cool under pressure from the opposing team.

With great precision, Jeremy Newton successfully completes yet another Pirate drive with a goal.

NEED FOR SPEED

The only justifiable word to describe the '86 volleyball season would be "exciting." The girls sparked their fall campaign with a first time entrance into the Coastal Plains 2A Pre-Season Tournament, downing East Duplin at Southwest.

The highlights of the season were reaching certain goals they had previously set for themselves. These goals were overcoming teams that had given them trouble before, such as Lejeune, Southwest, and Dixon. They were victorious over Dixon mid-season in the match which determined the team that would take second place in the conference. The Topsail girls put on an impressive exhibition away from home in "Bulldog Country," redefining the meaning of volleyball. Scoring 15-11 in the first game, they took an easy win in the last (15-5).

Entering the State play-offs was a first in Topsail history as the energetic group ripped Williams Township 15-5, 15-6, and 15-1. Then once again, they clashed with the Lady Pirates of Swansboro. In a gutsy game of blood, sweat, and tears, Swansboro defended their champion position well, winning the match, 15-7, 10-15, 15-12, and 15-12. The close-scoring game told much about the heart of the Topsail players and their desire to win. As stated by their only starting senior, Wendy Rogers, "It hurts when you can't pull it out, even when you're playing your best and working together."

But Wendy was glad to be a part of the tournament and would miss the coming year because she truly believed that the team would succeed in "going all the way."

Opponent East Duplin Southwest Hoggard Cape Fear Academy Pender East Bladen Swansboro Dixon Jones Southwest Richlands Lejeune Cape Fear Academy Jones Dixon Southwest Richlands Swansboro Lejeune Dixon

Williams Township (States)

Swansboro (States)

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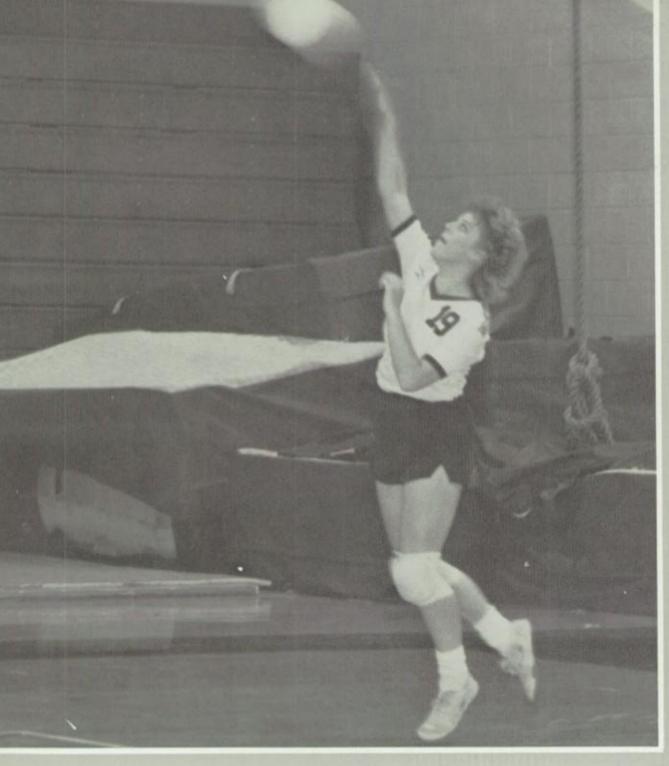
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Marti and Susan rejoice over a previous shot. Seconds between plays are valuable to commend, calm, or coach.

Just because Lisa's only 5'3" doesn't mean she can't block a 7'41/4" net. Blocks are a crucial defensive tactic, often saving many a point.

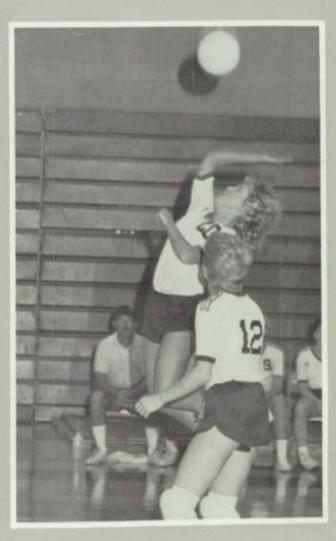


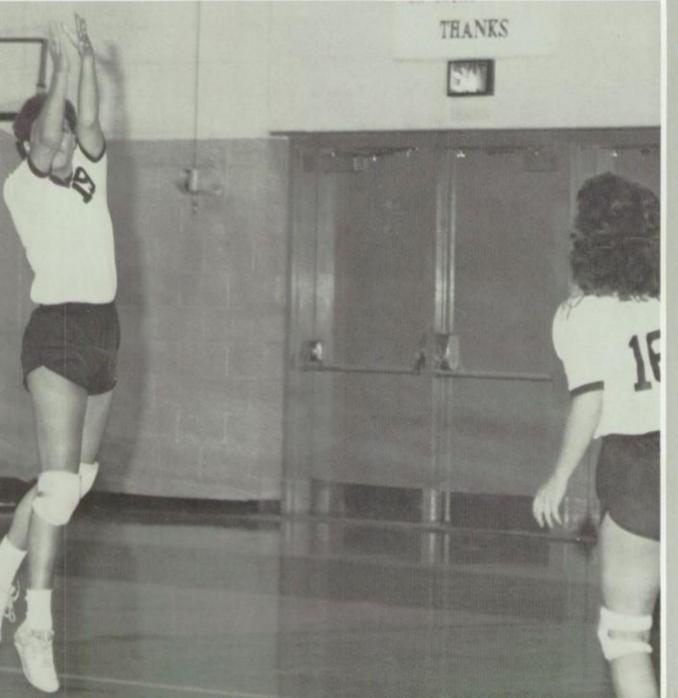




If you can't serve, you usually can't win, but Joya Ellis has little to worry about. Consecutive ace-serves are an essential part of her game.

When you have the other techniques down, it all ends in the spike, as Susan prepares to drive one down the opponent's court.







Front — Marti Horrell, Susan Satterfield (Capt.), Lisa Lewis, Wendy Rogers (Capt.), Kathy Teachey. Back — Coach Ed Gibson, Missy Gunter, Rachael Copp, Joya Ellis, Tammie Thomas, Dora Johnson.

An important factor of the Pirate defense is receiving in the back row. Tammie covers her position beautifully with a graceful pass.

HANDS-ON-HIPS, SMILES-ON-LIPS

"I Really Enjoy Seeing The Fans Smile." — Martie Pullen

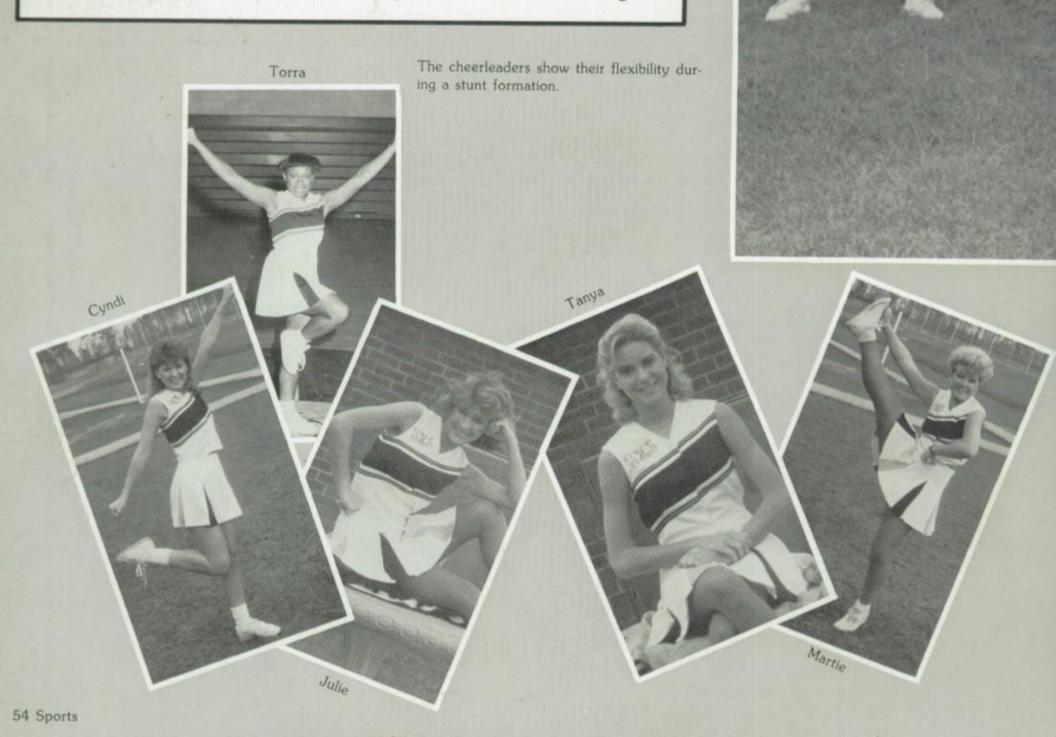
The Varsity Cheerleaders put forth a tremendous effort last year, and through thick and thin still managed to let their spirit shine through.

It all started way back in the summer at cheerleading camp, where they got up at 6:00 a.m. and cheered for hours before breakfast. They spent the remainder of the day learning new cheers, chants, and dances. Back home, (even before the football team began practice), they proceeded to perfect their new material for football season and their upcoming competition, which was held at Methodist College in the fall. "Competition was a lot of hard work and dedication, but in the end it was all worth it!" remarked Senior Cyndi Brown. Although the Topsail team didn't place, they still did a

great job and had a fantastic time.

Before they knew it, the football and soccer seasons were upon them. With football games every Friday night, and soccer games most Wednesdays, practice seemed unbearable when the girls seldom got a moment to themselves. With barely any time to rest, basketball season began. This was the time they could really strut their stuff. Through all this, the cheerleaders still managed to captivate their audiences with spectacular half-time shows, and even a farewell skit to the graduating Seniors.

So, finally, another year had come to an end. The cheerleaders, under the watchful eye of Coach Vicki Harrell, had done a great job of representing Topsail High School, and really had a great time in the process. As Martie Pullen, a Junior on the squad stated, "I really enjoy seeing the fans smile. When ten cheerleaders take the floor with 'hands-on-hips, and smiles-on-lips,' who could resist a little grin?"





No. 23 of Lejeune "bites the dust" as Chris Sullivan and Shannon Shepard successfully gain control of the ball.

Porrie Sidbury's form is one of the reasons why the result is almost always two points.



Front: Ronald Toby, Rodney Marshall, Porrie Sidbury, Chris Sullivan, Shannon Shepard, Brad Pate. Back: Coach Terry, John Sidbury, Jeffery Nixon, Tiyo Robinson, Wayne Ross, Willie Shepard, Anthony Smith.







Pender player's eyes follow the ball as Ronald Toby goes up for another two points.

The Lejeune crowd quietly watches as Senior John Sidbury ups the score with a successful foul shot.



During a short break, Coach Terry sports a new conference fashion. Actually, the towel was required to cover up a mishap that occurred during the first half of the game.



MID-SEASON RALLY

Giving non-conference teams a run for their money, it was not until January that the Varsity boys rallied. During the early part of the season they seemed to be "finding themselves" on the court, but Coach Reuben Terry put those doubts to rest. "We played a hard non-conference schedule," explained Coach Terry, "to help us with adversity and to better ourselves. It was good practice and beneficial to the needs of our team." These theories came true, because after Christmas vacation they came back strong, 3-2 in the conference heading into their sixth game against Southwest.

With a pre-season record of 0-8, it had seemed there would have had to be a miracle to get back into the swing

Giving non-conference teams a run of things, but as Coach Terry retrieved their money, it was not until Januvalled, "At the beginning of the year we solely geared ourselves for the conference. We prepared our attitudes, we would pull together as a team. Each person had their job, not just one could do it all."

hard non-conference schedule," explained Coach Terry, "to help us with adversity and to better ourselves. It was good practice and beneficial to the needs of our team." These theories standout. He got the team going with his 3 point field goals which made up for his height.

With the outstanding comeback experience during the second half of the season, district standings appeared promising.

TOPSAIL BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

OPPONENTS	V-BOYS opp./boys	V-GIRLS opp./girls	J.VBOYS opp./J.V.
W. Brunswick	(64-44)	(33-47)	(57-33)
Acme-Delco	(74-54)	(40-52)	(07-00)
N. Brunswick	(66-42)	(30-36)	(51-42)
Pender	(75-66)	(28-32)	(47-39)
Acme-Delco	(65-49)	(43-69)	(47-55)
Pender	(54-41)	(29-45)	(63-45)
N. Brunswick	(61-41)	(37-40)	(50-54)
W. Brunswick	(58-42)	(38-60)	(33-40)
Swansboro*	(26-53)	(48-39)	(54-40)
Lejeune*	(45-47)	(22-37)	(32-48)
Dixon*	(47-58)	(51-52)	(44-43)
Jones*	(60-54)	(46-36)	(64-54)
WCA	(62-67)	(34-52)	(38-69)
Richlands*	(61-56)	(42-39)	(28-52)
S.W. Onslow*	(52-49)	(33-32)	(50-44)
Swansboro*	(79-61)	(44-42)	(55-29)
Lejeune*	(65-58)	(38-42)	(55-58)
Dixon*	(49-40)	(53-63)	(50-56)
*Conference ga		(03-03)	(30-36)

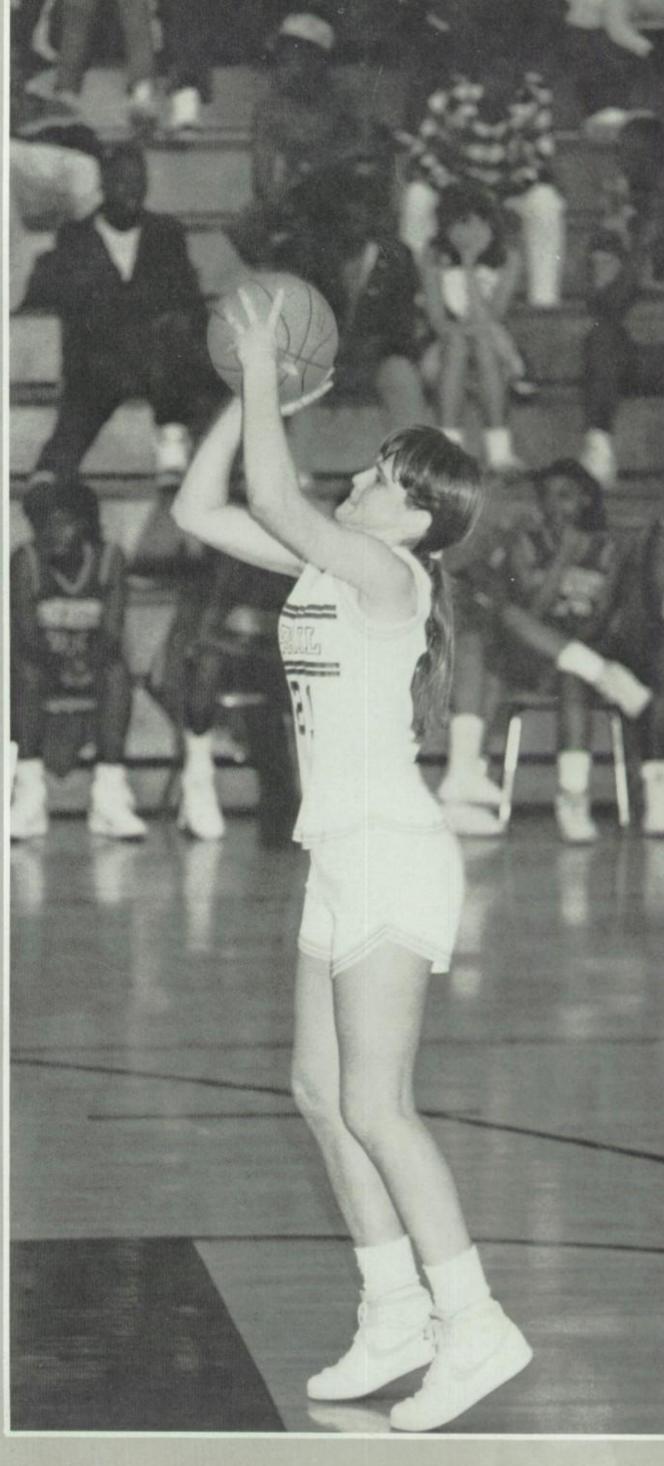
Esther Rochelle shows her aggressive technique as she puts another one in the hoop for the mighty Pirates.

Traci Little (senior) pressures opponents into a regretful turnover.





After assertively moving to a position under the basket, Joya Ellis puts the ball up for two points.



Dora Johnson (Senior) rips down a rebound only to find a "jump ball" called in this game against Lejeune.





BRUISES, SWEAT, AND TEARS

Bruises, sweat and tears, not the most glamorous aspect of basketball but certainly rewarding, led the Lady Cagers to post a winning record of 8-0 even before the start of Christmas vacation. The first weeks of tryouts and practice were grueling, but as freshman Luellyn Piver put it, "Practice makes perfect is all that I had ever heard. But now I know that practice doesn't make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect."

Coached by newcomer Rick Walrond (known to Wilmington Star readers as "vagabond"), the girls were provided a different angle to their game plan. Most of his experience came from coaching college ball which really helped in tight situations where different offensive and defensive plays were necessary to the game's successful outcome. When asked whether coaching high school ball was a drastic change from coaching college ball, he replied, "It was different because in college you can pretty much recruit the type of players you want, whereas in high school, what you see is what you get."

Even though the team was not ACC material, they lived up to his stan-

dards. "They went beyond my expectations," revealed Coach Walrond, "because the girls adjusted to the things I wanted them to do. They deserved to be a winning team. All the members were aggressive. Traci Little, Luellyn Piver and Dora Johnson provided leadership for the team, while Esther Rochelle and Joya Ellis put up the single offensive shot needed to put the team on the boards." Rounding out the team were Jennifer Wozniak and Tiffany Irving who were always there for the rebound; Twanna Batts, Drusenda Jacobs and Robin Rich handled and hustled the ball down the court.

With that winning feeling in the air, hopes for the playoffs looked more like reality than a dream. "Our chances were great for a playoff position," commented Coach Walrond. Of course, there were some low points during the season, a few lost games, a few missed shots, but those times did not compare to the making of impossible shots and the winning of close games. That's how you can tell winners from losers — the winners just don't give up.



Front: Traci Little and Dora Johnson, Co-Captains. Robin Rich, Sabrina Sanders, Jennifer Wozniak, Rachel Copp, Joya Ellis, Esther Ro-

Jennifer Wozniak and opponents reach high for the rebound. The girls learn early that jumping is a necessity in this game. chelle, Tiffany Irving, Luellyn Piver, Twanna Batts, and Drusenda Jacobs. With lightning speed, center Steven Jones makes another layup while also drawing the foul.

TAKING CONTROL

"Alright, JC's, three lines under the basket!" bellows Coach Rick Walrond with his usual touch of humor. Deep lung-wrenching wheezes fill the gym. "We've never had it so bad and good at the same time," commented some of the J.V.'s "We were taught that it had to hurt in order to win."

The season started out with a few minor setbacks. Walrond wasn't able to practice with the team until one week before the season started due to some coaching changes. Their record took a beating at first, but they came back, giving it their all to become 7-5 after Christmas. "We just didn't have that necessary 'adjustment' time that was needed to storm in and take control." commented Coach Walrond. "If I had had them from day one, they would have jelled sooner."

With a burst of energy and heart, the team began to come together. Their reflexes and train of thought were strengthened by their unbearable, but "worth-it" practices. "They finally started to use the little things I tried to emphasize in practice to their advantage," explained Coach Walrond, "and to see that the plays I was trying to institute would pay off in certain situations." "Adjusting to Coach Walrond's tricky defense was one of the hardest things that we had to do!" Willie Shepard proclaimed, in reaction to the new coach.

Since J.V. teams were not included in conference standings and district playoffs, they looked forward to their future careers as Varsity picks by gaining experience on the court as well as in the class.

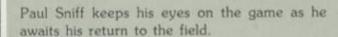




Front L to R. Melvin Sharpless, Willie Nixon, Eric London, Adrian Spicer, Warren Garrison, Back L to R. Charlie Atkinson, Melvin London, Derrick Hassell, Andre Sidbury, Steven Jones, Clarence Walker, Alfonso Nixon, Leroy Johnson.

Melvin London defensively holds his man while trying to make a turnover for Topsail.









PURE SATISFACTION

Gratification! Pure satisfaction! Blood-thirsty juveniles teeter on the threshold of manhood, fronting the opposition across the 40 yard line. 19, 24, 13, HUT! The ball snaps back to the quarterback's expectant hands. Gritted teeth snarl as all energy is funneled toward the ball. A quarterback sack is successful. A flag falls on the play. 10 yard penalty.

The testing of skill and a passion for football led the team to a record of 3-4 that brought with it a certain excellence. Although they did not win every game, this up and coming group of undaunted guys showed every aspect of competitiveness and sportsman-like abilities.

Reaching and adjusting to situations that came up during a play was one of the strong points of this team. Coach Ruben Terry commented, "We did well because the players had at least one year's playing experience under their belts. They knew what to expect of me and what I expected of them."

With most of the players moving up to Varsity level next year, some showed promise in filling vacated senior positions, especially Derrick Hassell, Ray Jacobs, and Larry Dean.

In spite of the loss of these players, the future looked optimistic. "We are hoping to continue with the success we've experienced this year," Coach Terry predicted. "We'll still hold onto a lot of talent, but there could be a shaky start."

Bright outlooks always hold promise of glory seasons. Let's hope this holds true for the Jr. High team as well.

Coaches and players watch with apprehension as a flag is thrown while Topsail tries to gain yardage.



Junior High Squad: Front — Dana Jones, Ann Atkinson, Jennifer Batts, and Latashia Nixon. Back — Jennifer Maready, Karum Hill, Joanna Taylor, Meg Satterfield, Paula Gales, and Jennifer Skipper.

PIRATES — LET'S HEAR IT!

Cheerleaders are a group of enthusiastic girls dedicated to promoting good sportsmanship between our school and others and upholding high standards of leadership, character, and service among our own students. This is a large task to accomplish, but this year's Junior High and Junior Varsity did an outstanding job.

Both squads got off to a fresh start with two new advisors. The Jr. High, under the watchful eye of Ms. Grubbs, just couldn't be stopped. Our youngest pep squad worked hard this year to create new stunts and formations. Captain Ann Atkinson said, "I feel like the older squads have looked out for us and have helped us perfect our cheers and pushed us to do our best." Cheering for Jr. High football and boys' and girls' basketball, optimism ran high as

the girls kept the teams in good spirits

The vivid smiles and dynamic enthusiasm of the J.V. cheerleaders really helped to boost the morale of both fans and players. A four year veteran, Christina Craven, expressed, "What I enjoy most about cheerleading is being able to show my school spirit." The J.V., headed by Topsail graduate Lisa Evans, started their season during the summer by attending camp at UNC-W. This experience, as told by cheerleader Susan Evans, "is a great opportunity to meet new people, learn new material, and become closer as a squad."

Cheerleading fever is growing. We anxiously await outstanding contributions from these dedicated young women.





Always a crowd pleaser, Dana Jones proves to the photographer she's not shy.

In the confusion of halftime during the girls' gam Melanie Slater grabs a snack while Jennifer Tuck and Yolanda Sidbury try to clear out their belon ings to make room for the Varsity cheerleaders.



Becky Batts and Tammie Morgan of the J.V. squad look sharp as they cheer at Dixon High School.

Junior high squad members Karum Hill and Jennifer Maready pose during the first game of the football season.





lunior Varsity Cheerleaders: Front — Yolanda Sidbury. Middle — Stephanie Sholar, Shannon Reeves, Susan Evans. Top — Tammie Morgan, Christina Craven, Melanie Slater.

WAVE OF THE FUTURE

Hustle, determination, and spirit led the junior high girls through a grueling season. Even though the scores didn't prove it, this team had potential. These girls realized that it takes about 110% from everyone, with extra help from those seasoned players to survive in the cruel world of girls' basketball.

Missy Gunter and Luellyn Piver, team standouts, learned well ahead of time that 110% just wasn't enough for such a young team. Toward the end of the year, a choice had to be made as to who would receive the coveted MVP award. Luellyn Piver received the MVP after much deliberation by team members and Ms. Robinson, while Missy Gunter was awarded most sportsmanlike. Both girls were very deserving.

1986 was Ms. Robinson's first year coaching a junior high basketball team. "It was a great experience to have coached such an energetic and exciting team," she remembered. Unfortunately, Ms. Robinson didn't coach the 1987 team; she was pursuing her master's degree and fulfilling other obligations. She felt that she would rather give coaching 100% or not at all.

On the other hand, the boys' junior high basketball team had a real "ripsnorter" of a season. It seems that Coach Terry's harsh reprimanding kept this bunch on the straight and narrow line — a line that led straight to a second place in the county-wide tournament as well as a second place in the state tournament.

No one would ever expect such crazed "banshees" like Jeff Parker, Tony Redd, and Melvin London to walk a straight line, but with a little encouragement from Coach Terry, they proved us all wrong. These three boys were the backbone of the team. They proved to be the leading scorers and, as expected, they all became potential candidates for the MVP award. Even though the competition was steep, Melvin London clutched the golden MVP award at the end.

Coach Terry always expected the best from his boys and nothing less. Coaching this team provided him with the chance to "lay the foundation for the varsity boys" team in four years." Be sure to look for a first place in the state championship from these very same athletes in four years' time.



Airborne! Leontyne London leaves her opponent and makes her move to the hoop.

Tony Redd shows us a few new break dancing moves with the help of his Atkinson adversary.









Sporting Michael Jordan's number, Missy Gunter shoots her patented jump shot. (above)

Tony Redd sets up at the line for a sure two points while Darrick Hassel eyes an opponent. (left)

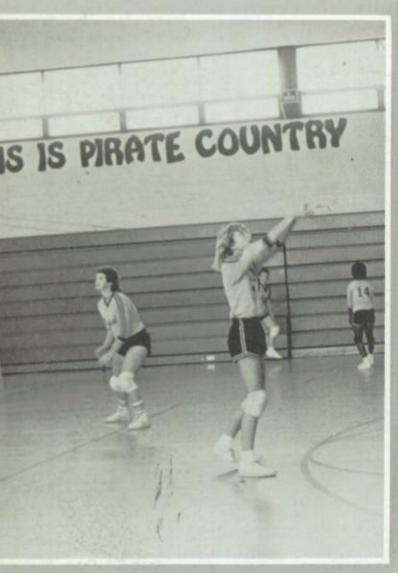
(Top photo): Aggressive as usual, Luellyn Piver puts another one in for the Pirates.

JUNIOR SETTERS

Topsail's Jr. High Volleyball team, led by a new coach Grady Funderburk, experienced the ups and downs which come with most sports.

The squad, playing in the spring of '86, was divided into teams A and B during the season, but combined their efforts for the tournament. Although their year wasn't very successful on the floor, they were young and their experience carried over into '86-'87.

Susan Evans sets Stephanie Sholar up for the important play.



Meg Satterfield warms up before a game. She is ready to prove, "This is Pirate Country!"





Left to right from front: Joanna Taylor, Michelle Walton, Jennifer Batts, Jennifer Moore, Martha McClung, Ann Atkinson, Jennifer Tucker, Jana Lake, Jennifer Skipper, Meg Satterfield, Cather-

ine Pierce, Penny Sidbury, Missy Gunter, Susan Evans, Stephanie Sholar, Tracey McCullen, Lor Fussell.





Left to right from front: Michael Davis, Jeff Atkinson, Buddy Justice, Howard Miller, David Justice, Donnie O'Neil, Patrick Nixon, Eric London, Roy Batson, Melvin London, Dennis Geddie, Alfonzo Nixon, Grady Lilly, Gary King, Tony Redd, Neil Thomas. Melvin London patiently waits at the plate while the pitcher talks with his coach.

Michael Davis races to first base after hitting a grand slam.



JUNIOR SLUGGERS

After the loss of several players to the varsity team, the junior high base-ball team pulled through and had a great season. With the leadership of Coach Fulcher, a student at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, the boys practiced hard throughout the season. Their efforts were rewarded by their finishing record of 4-2. This impressive record allowed them to take second place in their conference. With new talent coming up in the ranks, this group of guys is sure to continue their dominance in the sport.

ROOKIE SOCCER

Junior high soccer players were excited about being able to learn the fundamentals of the game before reaching varsity level. Varsity coach Paschall remarked, "Soccer is up and coming here at Topsail" and believed that this junior high team would improve the overall program.

These boys were a group of enthusiastic young men who worked extremely hard during their rookie season. Coach Terry felt they played very well and gained valuable experience even though, he confessed, "I'm not an expert. I just coached them to the best of my ability."

With their sportsmanlike attitudes and hard work during practice and in games, the team looked forward to a winning season during the next year. Coach Steve Garrett, a newcomer to the Topsail family, would be their coach for the upcoming season as the

team readied themselves for a bright future.

Opponent	Topsail
Richlands Jr. High	Won
H. J. McDonald	Lost
Dixon	Won
Southwest Jr. High	Lost
H. J. McDonald	Lost



Flashing his fancy footwork, player Derrick Hassell works out before the game.



Warming up is an essential before practice. Junior soccer players Mike Davis and Scott Batts make the most of this time.

Front: J. Rivenbark, M. Davis, E. Kissner, J. Atkinson, J. Julien, P. Paschall, P. Nixon. Back: D. O'Neil, S. Batts, Z. Hardison, A. Nixon, D. Hassell, S. Bradshaw.

Scott Bradshaw prepares to receive a practice pass across the field from Patrick Nixon.













Football statistician Wendy Rogers accurately adds up the running back's yardage from the last play while rookie statistician Leigh Russell learns the ropes.

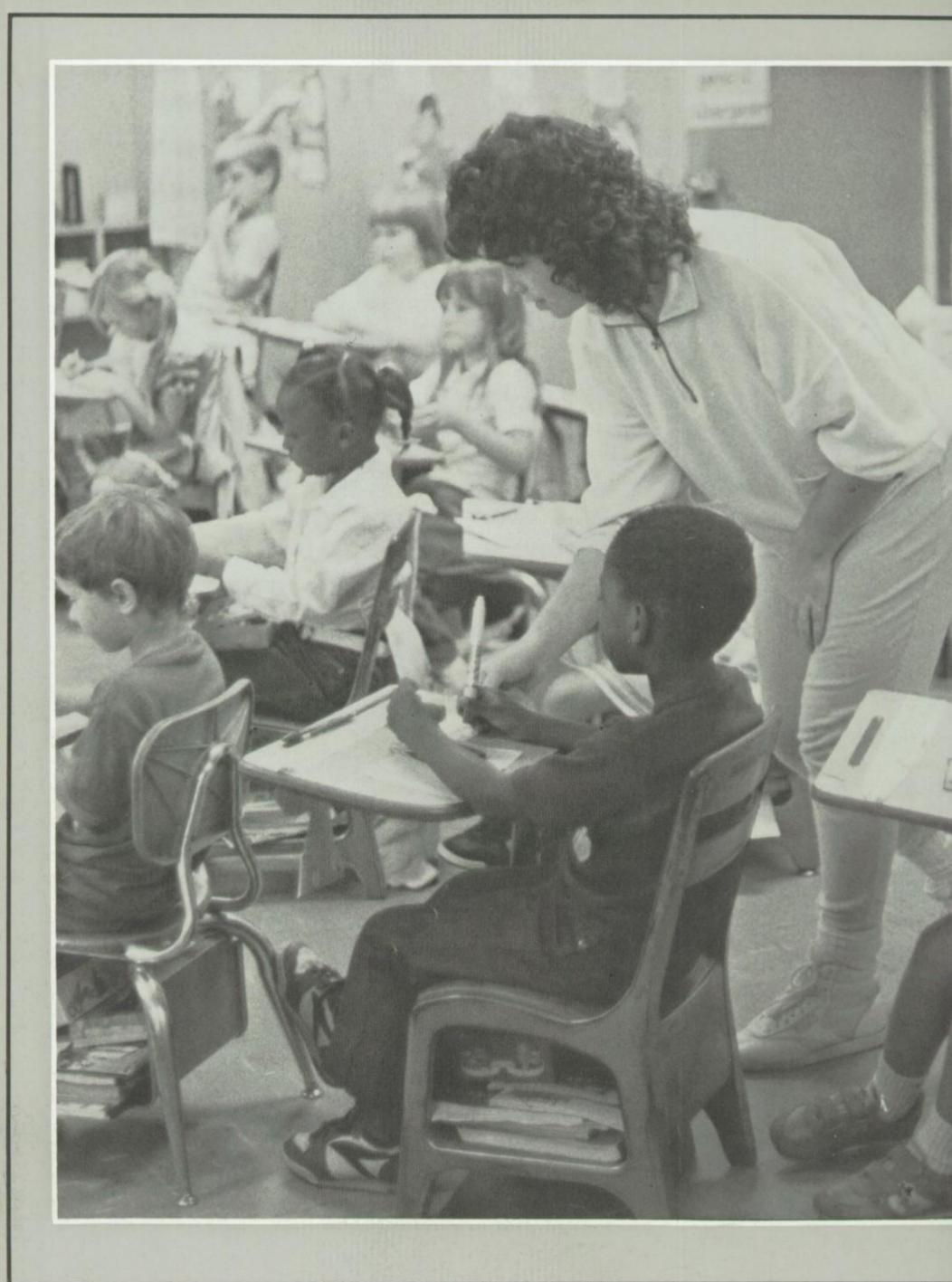
Patiently awaiting the end of the volley, statisticians Kim Johnson and Melanie Slater watch the block attempt.

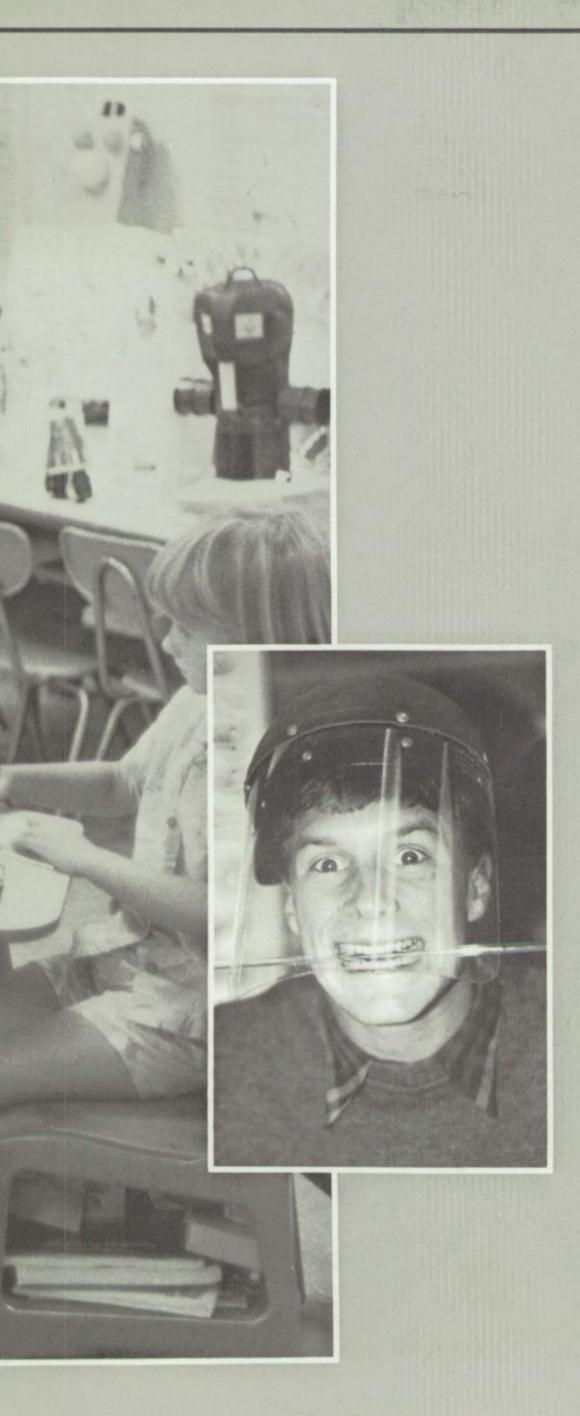
Softball statistician Michelle Ferrell notes the last double play in her score book as she sits behind the plate.

ADD IT UP

Statisticians were often harassed goodnaturedly by coaches and players alike, and even felt invisible at times. These special people were always ready to add up yardage for football coaches, tally up points for insistent basketball players, and compute batting averages for softball and baseball players.

One three-year stat veteran, Michelle Ferrell, felt, "The best part of the job is being needed by the players." All Topsail statisticians felt a certain amount of accomplishment after finishing their job by combining individual and team records at the season's end. Wendy Rogers, four year stat veteran, commented, "Even though football is played mainly by guys, the players make me feel like I'm part of the team." A statistician's job is not an easy one, but it is most assuredly a rewarding one.





CATCHIN' ON

You must have noticed the new face around the office. It wasn't the Jolly Green Giant but our new administrator, Mr. Poore. And yes, he even does tables.

With the combination of Mr. Poore and Mr. Kermon, the computer whiz, Topsail students were no longer students, they had become numbers. Even the traditional report cards now look like U.P.S. invoice sheets.

But that's progress, right? And catching on was half the battle.

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Musicians ready themselves for the taping of "The Taming of the Shrew." Karum Hill, left, takes the leading role of Kate with accompanists Sharon Wilson, Ann Atkinson, Jennifer Batts, Joanna Taylor, Meg Satterfield, and Jennifer Skipper.

Patricia Henry (a.k.a. Patrick Henry, alias Susan Satterfield) fiercely strikes the desk in order to make her point of view perfectly clear.

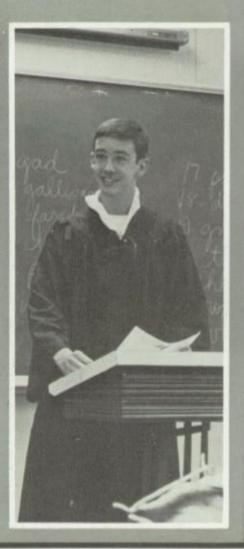


Sinners Repent



The formerly blind man (Brad Pate) feels the healing power of the Reverend Christopher Smith who portrays Jonathan Edwards, the great theologian and philosopher.

Rev. John Taylor is prophesying the Lord's return in Edward's famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."







Lights, Camera, Action!

You may never have imagined Topsail High as Universal Studios, but on certain days, it fit the description. The stage was set in Mrs. Watts' room. Caesar's wife. Calpurnia, entered the room sporting her native garb. When the "audience" caught a glimpse of her in a sexy toga, they burst into uncontrollable laughter. Following closely behind her were the Three Fates, god-like women who decided men's destinies, decked all the way down to their Roman sandals.

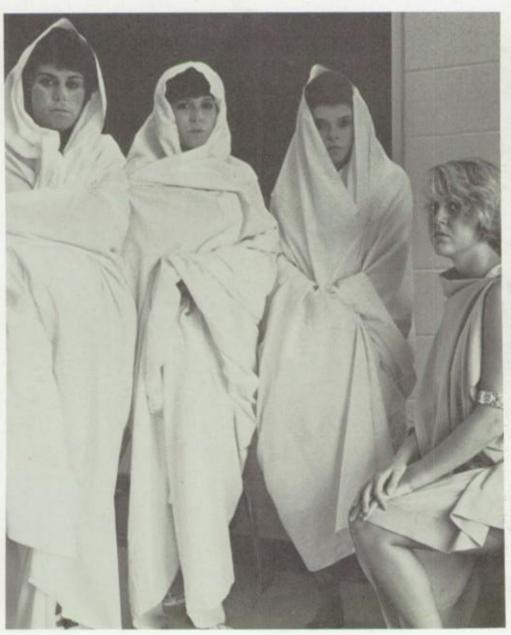
Mrs. Williams challenged her students with early America. They accepted the challenge by performing some of the famous and most memorable happenings that gave our country its beginning.

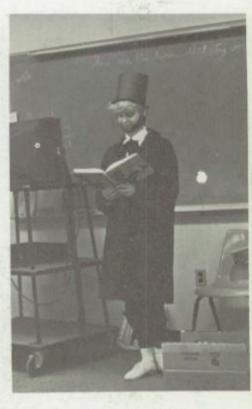
The early years of our country were anything but boring as seen when Patrick Henry - no, no, Patricia Henry shouted: "Give me liberty or give me death!" She gave her fellow classmates quite a scare as she flashed her eyes in a bold attempt to express her opinion. Abraham Lincoln was present, too, citing the memorable "Emancipation Proclamation." Donned in black top hat and threequarter length coat, he also sported high-topped sneakers - yes, sneakers! (We're sure Abe always wanted to wear them.) The former President looked quite comfortable with his audience. Eloquently delivered, the speech made the class believe that he had really made a difference.

The scene moves to Mrs. Woodcock's room where Rev. Smith warns of the dangers of disbelief in God. Healing is even part of his divine presentation.

The junior high students of Mrs. Campbell's class were not to be outdone. Petruchio's persuasive nature was used to make Kate a kind person in the "Taming of the Shrew". They recorded this radio play and accompanied it as well with musical instruments.

These students combined history, literature, and drama with a creative flair to reveal that history can be altered slightly to fit the time.





Decked out in black top hat and beard, Marti Horrell mascarades as Abe Lincoln delivering the Emancipation Proclamation.

Melancholy countenances reflect the morbid traits of the mythological Three Fates played by Suzanne Wicker, Amy Henderson, and Lisa Lewis. They join Calpurnia of "Julius Caesar" in an original skit by Susan Satterfield (right).

Mr. McGee shows great pride in his junior high students' N.C. History projects for the Annual Eighth Grade History Fair.

Students from all classes were given the opportunity to view the History Fair projects. Here, Stacey Dion, Cliff Mobley, Kevin Burch, and Ronald Horn enjoy the display.





BUILDING CHARACTER

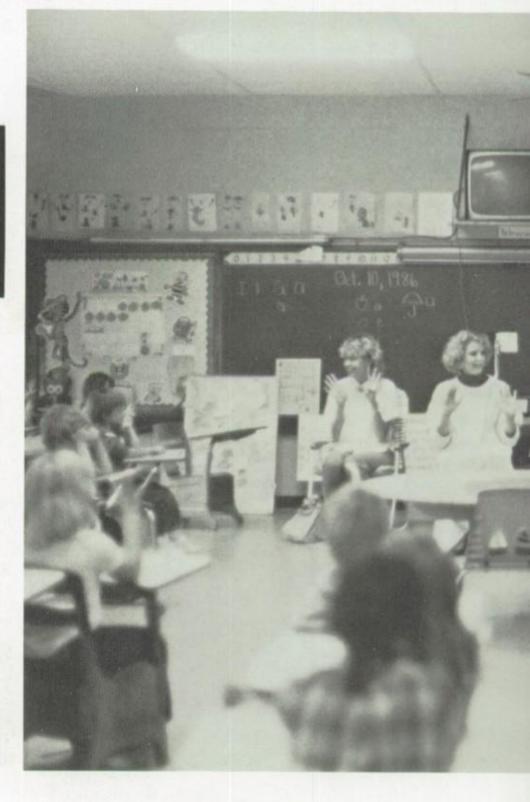
Class Projects. Everybody Loves Them, Right? Well, Maybe.

The assignment: "Build a dwelling like that in which the early settlers might have lived," the teacher instructed. A loud moan from the class could be heard all over campus.

Class projects. Everybody loves them, right? WRONG! But students have decided to look at it this way: There must be some purpose, somewhere in the struggle to create masterpieces to satisfy the teachers' warped sense of humor.

Class projects are a definite diversion from the everyday, humdrum routine. They give students the opportunity to possibly improve their grades and team up with others. Isn't it amazing what you can learn about a person when thrust into the atmosphere of a group project? These enterprises can test one's resiliency and character in the face of such a venture. In addition, what a great excuse to use: "Mom, I'm going over to Susan's house to work on our group project!" (And the group actually goes out to "The Hut" for a bite to eat.)

How many times have teachers told us that these undertakings will help us develop responsibility and build character which make for well-rounded people? Let's try to have faith in the truth of this statement.



BUILDING SUPPORT



Mr. Garrett's classes finally get to use their "wood technology" as they diligently work to put the Varsity Cheerleaders' platform back together.

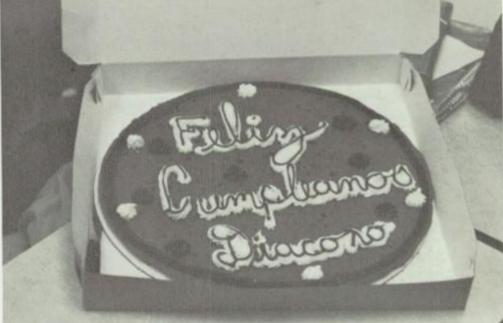
Mr. Garrett and his students contemplate their next move in repairing the cheerleaders' platform.



Keith Thompson, Greg Gales and Jeff Parker learn the finer points of wood technology as they construct a dog house.









"Give that boy a cookie!" This time Michael Deacon (Diacono) was the birthday boy in Spanish III. The class celebrates each student's birthday as it rolls around.

Pat Baggett of the Office of Corrections introduces Brandy to Mr. Wheatley's vocational classes. Brandy is used statewide to locate criminals and missing persons.

(Far left) Twenty-eight little Indians learn "Ten Little Indians" in Spanish from three bigger Indians, Beth Wicker, Anna Eubank, and Tonya Housand.

Reverend John Neville welcomes friends and family of the respective couples as they take part in this happy occasion.

Kim Johnson and Gwen Conner calmly prepare themselves before the mirror. Their faces reveal nothing of the inner excitement and anticipation of the ceremony.





Catch The Bouquet

"I never realized just how much planning and money actually went into a wedding." — Martie

Unless you are a newcomer to Topsail, you should be accustomed to the annual masquerade of tuxedos and wedding gowns. No, we don't force our students into wedlock on a regular basis. It is the custom in Ms. Mitchell's Family Life class to hold a mock wedding at the end of a unit of study on the family. Students assume the roles of preacher, best men, bridesmaids, and, of course, the brides and grooms.

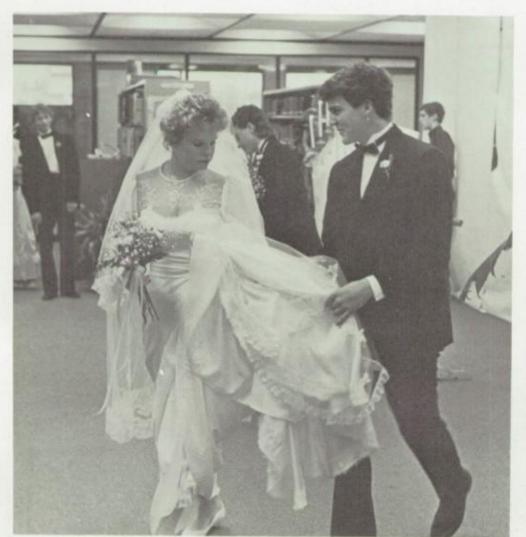
Ms. Mitchell, when asked

how she felt this class helps students, replied, "Family Life Education prepares students for the real world as they become familiar with the many roles of married couples in today's society. The expenses and responsibilities of becoming a family are realized through many hands-on experiences and guest speakers." Ms. Mitchell believes, as many teachers do, that projects such as this can bring life to the classroom and enhance learning.





Pride mixed with a feeling of relief can best describe these two "happily married" couples. From left: Michelle Wilcox, Chris Sullivan, Bobbie Jo Griffin, and Roger Ridley.



David Duncan, always the gentleman, assists his lovely "bride", Michelle Langley, as they leave for their "honeymoon".

Topsail's G.Q. hopefuls get ready for their debut. From left: Brad George, Ennett Carter, David Duncan, and Adrian Spicer.



"Always A Bridesmaid, Never A Bride"?





The catering committee was responsible for preparing this lovely table for the reception. Guests and participants take advantage of the delicious food.

The bridesmaids and best men from left to right are Amy Stuckey, Jamie Vause, Martie Pullen, Brad George, Sonya Jenkins, Jeffrey Nixon, Mary Ward, Ronald Toby, Shain Weisel, and Ennett Carter.

Making the Grade



Leaders Brad Pate and Melvin Sharpless take a breather after a hard day of giving orders. Both students attended a leadership school at ECU over the summer.

Governor's School graduate Tammie Thomas attempts to share her infinite amount of knowledge on an Apple II computer disk.



Shana Redd, who served as a page last summer, brushes up on govern ment with a fascinating book about politics.



Head of the Class

Most students spent their summer vacations on the beach getting that perfect tan. Some were making extra cash by working full or part time jobs while others spent their time at summer camp. Many of Topsail's high achievers were experiencing the excitement of working for the government, learning new skills at Governor's School, or getting acquainted with other outstanding students at ECU. And you thought your summer was active!

Melvin Sharpless and Brad Pate enjoyed their three week stay at ECU in Greenville attending the Legislators' School for Youth Leadership Development. They improved their leadership skills by participating in the areas of communication, decision making, and critical thinking workshops. Melvin described his experience as, "One of the best things I did this summer."

Another Topsail student had the honor of being selected to attend Governor's School. Tammie Thomas was the lucky one to be chosen, and she welcomed the challenge with enthusiasm. From the start, she was willing to work hard and do her absolute best. Tammie's determination and self assurance will surely help her to succeed in reaching her goals.

Would you enjoy learning about the government, running errands, meeting officals from your state, and even getting paid to do it? Shana Redd had the pleasure of doing this task for a busy jampacked week. To Shana, it was an "unforgettable experience."

These students' activities have prompted many of their classmates to also get involved. One special group, the OM Team (Oddysey of the Mind), has spent this past year developing their individual skills to solve complicated problems such as building a structure of balsawood to withstand as much weight as possible. They were in hopes that this feat would take them to the championships.

Student involvement certainly encouraged the rest of us to take part and aspire to be at the "head of our class."



78 Academics



O'Neil, E. Julien, M. Rivera, J. Rivera. Middle — M. McClung, C. Skipper, B. Rivera, K. Teachy, K. Phillips, S. Reeves, M. Thomas. Back — S. Crouch, B. Boughner, J. Lanier, T. Taylor.

Leading off a busy assembly line in auto mechanics, handyman Edgar Sidbury takes a quick break to flash a smile.







Earl Jordan helps students Warren Garrison and Shannon Shepard dissect frogs in biology.

Stevie Dixon and Joe Sadusky brush up on their reading skills at the computer. Software on subjects from math to writing are available to students.





WAYES OF CHANCE

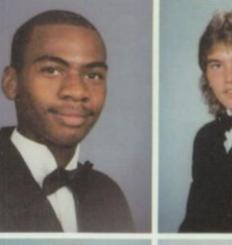
On that delightful (or dreaded) first day of school, we found ourselves literally bursting at the seams. Veterans of THS could actually walk down the hallway seeing unfamiliar faces. With such a large population, the administration had a difficult time finding a place to put everyone. But crowded classrooms are a sign of growth, and for us there's nowhere to go but UP!

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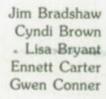
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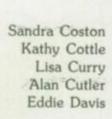










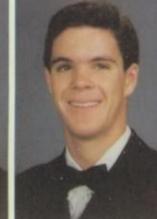












Catch Her If You Can

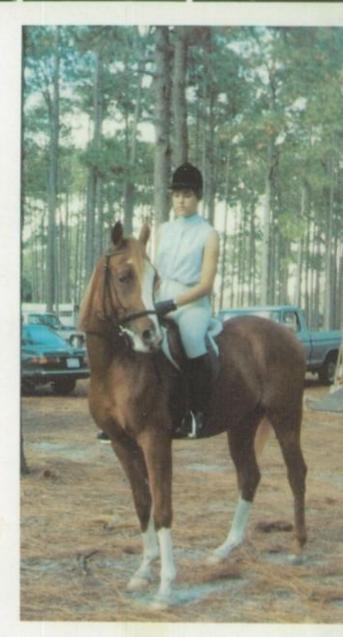
A native of Hampstead since she was three, Dawn Phillips has known no other school but Topsail. In many ways she ideally represented our student body.

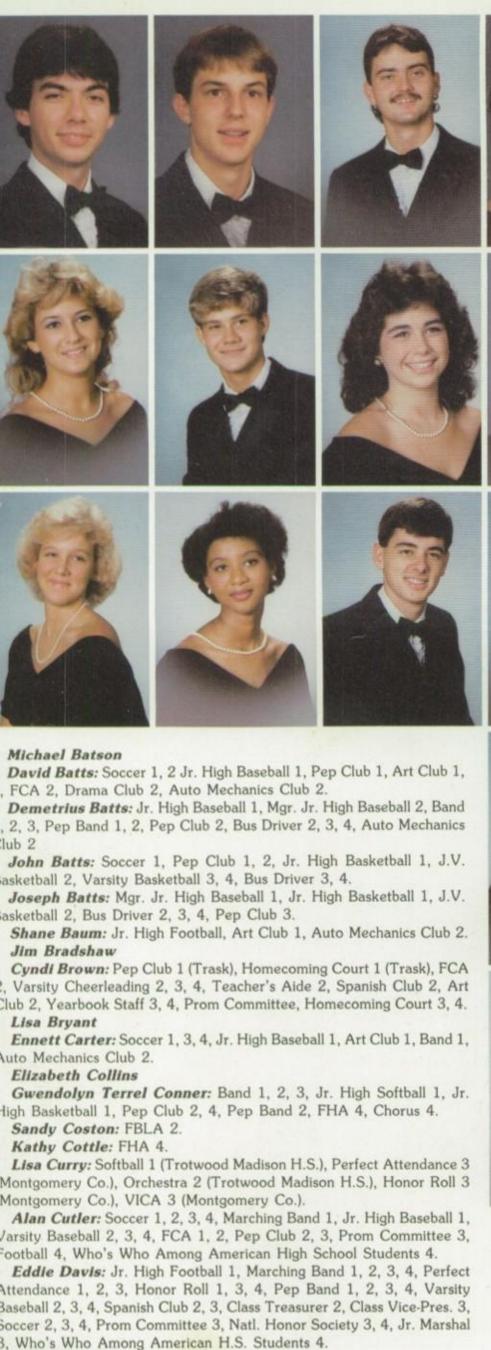
A fun loving girl, Dawn has a natural ability to draw attention from her peers. She is friendly and outgoing, two traits that complement each other well.

Never seen without a smile, this colorful young lady escapes boredom

through outlets such as drawing, horseback and motorcycle riding, and going to the beach. She also enjoys sports and activities like volleyball, softball, and football. She furthered her interests in school sports over the years by volunteering her time as a statistician.

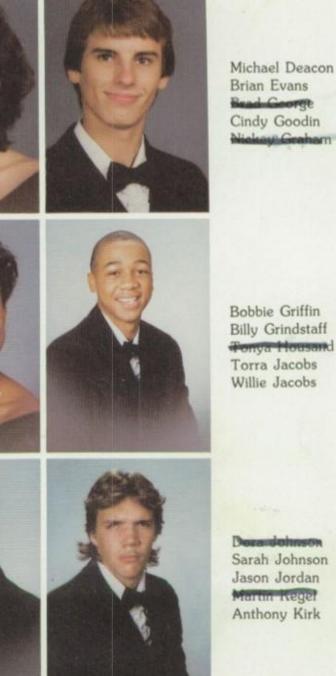
Dawn Phillips plans to pursue a career as a highway patrolwoman. Watch out Strickland, here she comes!

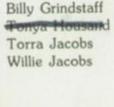




Michael Deacon: Spanish Club 1, 2, Science Club 1, 2, Pep Club 1, 2, Math Club 1, E.C.U. Math Contest 1, Honor Roll 1, Quiz Bowl 2, Natl. Honor Society 2, Perfect Attendance 2, Chess Club 2, Pep Club 2

Southwest H.S.), Natl. Honor Society 3, 4, Treasurer 3, 4, UNC-W Math Contest 3, Marshal 3, Who's Who Among American H. S. Students.





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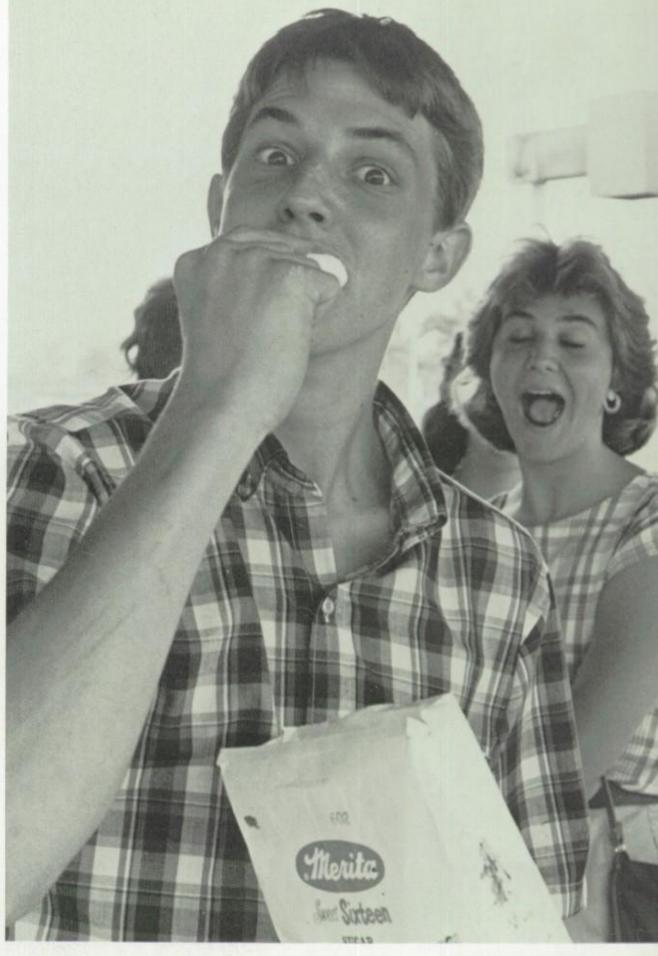
He picked up these goodies from our local hangout, the Rip Mart. (Zip Mart). Susan Evans can't believe her brother Brian ate the whole thing.

Macho senior Keith Thompson flexes his muscles for the camera to give the women at Topsail something to hope for.





Senior clowns John Sidbury and Shannon Shepard show, with Torra Jacobs, that nothing beats a great pair of legs.





Junior Anna Eubank gives Mrs. Jones' senior Spanish III class a detailed description of her adventures at the David Lee Roth concert in Charlotte.

Catching Up

Veteran bus driver Marianne Randall tries unsuccessfully to look relaxed after her morning route with the primary kids.





Although the class of "87" was renowned for academic achievement and competition for class rank, these seniors sometimes took breaks from the monotony of their everyday routine. It was a special time that will be remembered by them for years to come, which is why they tried to make every moment count



Ennett Carter and Curtis Lee are pictured above anxiously awaiting the bell so they can catch some z's in first period.

Here we have documented proof that if motivated, Dawn York can arrive at school on time.

d MacAlpine Leigh Maultsby and Caska Mosher











Michael Oppegaard Michelle Parker Shelly Pearson Dawn Phillips

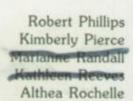


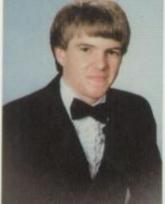




















Wendy Rogers Connie Rice









Ricardo Sanchez



Brian Evans: Jr. High Football 1, Chess Club 1, 2, Honor Roll 1, 2, 4 Drama Club 1, FCA 1, 2, 3, Spanish Club 2, 3, Baseball 3, 4, Football 4 Prom Committee 3, Society of Distinguished Am. H.S. Students 3, Who' Who Aong American H.S. Students 4.

Brad George: Marching Band 1, 2, 3, Pep Club 1, 2, Pep Band 1, FCA Trainer 2, FCA 2.

Cynthia Gooden: J.V. Basketball 1 (Jordan Mathews H.S.), Varsity Basketball 2, 3 (Jordan Mathews H.S.), Spanish Club 3 (Jordan Mathews) Girls' Monogram Club 3 (Jordan Mathews).

Nickey Graham: Chess Club 1, 2, Computer Club 1, 2, Soccer 2, 3 Bobbie Jo Griffin: Art Club 1, 2, Pep Club 1, 2, FHA 1, 2, Book Clul 1, Library Aide 4, Bus Driver 4.

Billy Grindstaff: Football 1, 3, Drama Club 1, Pep Club 1, Honor Rol 1, 2, Spanish Club 2, 3, Surfing Club 4, Yearbook Photographer 4.

Tonya Housand: J.V. Cheerleader 1, Drama Club 1, 2 (Vice Pres.) Pep Club 1, 2, FCA 1, 2, Majorettes 1 (Co-Captain), Homecoming Cour 1, 2, 3, 4, Book Club 1, Teacher's Aide 1, Varsity Cheerleader 2, 3, 4 Spanish Club 2, 4, Clipper Staff 2, Yearbook 3, 4, Prom Committee Who's Who Among American H.S. Students 4, Student Council 4.

Torra Jacobs: Pep Club 1, 2, J.V. Cheerleader 1, Majorette 1, 2, 3 (Captain 3) Bible Club 1, Band 1, 2, 3, Chess 1, Computer Club 1, Varsity Cheerleader 2, 3, 4, (Captain 4), Homeroom Rep. 1, FCA 1, 2, Perfec Attendance 1, 2, 3, 4, Spanish Club 2, 3, Close-Up Club 2, 3, 4, Washing ton Close-Up Delegate 3, 4, Student Council 3, 4, National Band Award 3 Junior Homecoming Court 3, Presentation To The President 3, Who's Who Among American High School Students 4.

Willie Jacobs

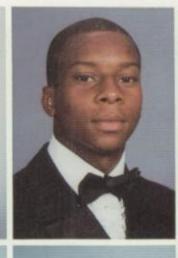
Dora Johnson: J.V. Cheerleader 1, J.V. Volleyball 1, Book Club 1, Drama Club 1, Pep Club 1, 2, Library Aide 1, FCA 1, 2, 3, Varsity Cheerleaders 2, 3, (Captain 3), Varsity Cheerleading Sportsmanship Award 2, Varsity Softball 2, 3, 4, Coaches Award 3, Junior Class Secre tary, Prom Committee 3, Yearbook Staff 3, 4, Co Editor 4, Volleyball 4 Monogram Club 4, Who's Who Among American H.S. Students 4, Stu dent Council Senior Rep. 4, Student Council President 4.

Sarah Johnson: Pep Club 1, 2, Computer Club 1, Drama Club 1, FHA 1, Jr. High Softball 1, Jr. High Volleyball 1, FCA 1, 2, Teacher's Aide 1 2, Manager Varisty Softball 3, Basketball Stats 3, 4, Flag Team 3, 4, Natl Band Award 3, Jr. High Football Stats 4, Library Aide 4, Who's Who Among Am. H.S. Students.

86 Seniors



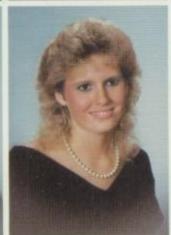






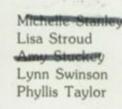
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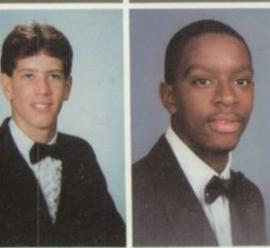


















Ronald Toby Mary Ward Beth Wicker Dawn York

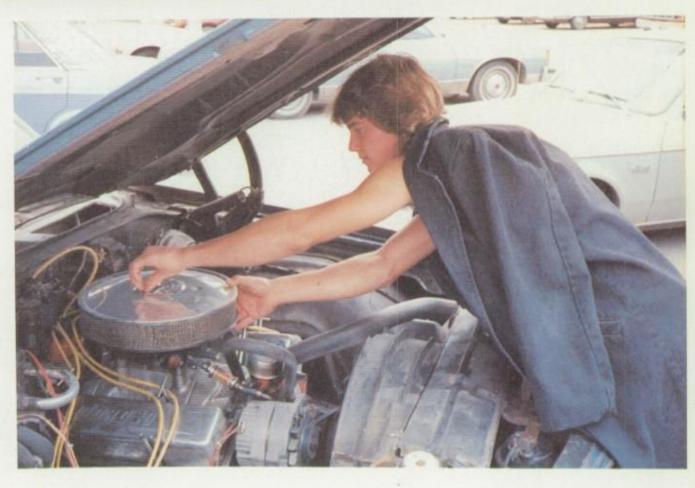
"Take a ride ... on Heavy Metal," otherwise known as Shane Baum's blue Chevelle. This car represents only a few of Shane's favorite pastimes, such as building cars and hand lettering.

Since attending Topsail for the past four years, Shane's school spirit grew tremendously. An example of this would be the painting of our pirate on the gymnasium wall.

Shane's past work experience includes motorwork on Big Foot (a pull truck) and painting background for the DEG Film Studios. He is presently employed with the Wilmington Sign Company, which is owned by his parents, Art and Kathy Baum.

Shane enjoys other amusements like singing, inventing, and boxing.

After graduation Shane would like to become an airplane mechanic. His future ambitions are to have a nice home on the beach, stay single until he's 30, and take over his parents' sign shop.



Wealth and success are ambitions of most, and Michael Deacon and Althea Rochelle were thought most likely to achieve them.





superlative (sa pur lativ), n. 2: surpassing all others: SUPREME. From late Latin superlativus, to Latin superlatus, past participle of superferre "to carry over, raise high." With much deliberation, these outstanding Topsailonians were chosen to represent the senior class as leaders in categories ranging from the most spirited to the most likely to succeed.

Many memories are associated with the arresting students of each particular class. They are the ones that are immediately spotted in a crowd, that give definition to Topsail, that characterize the student body, and set the stage for the future classes.

And perhaps, sometime when these prominent students bear children of their own, they will pull down the old yearbooks and show **their** kids how they were looked upon by their peers during those tender (Ha!) teenage years. You can almost hear the kids laughing now.

Cheerleader Torra Jacobs and offensive lineman Michael Oppegaard demonstrate their spirit with an exhibition of hit 'em high & hit 'em low during football practice. (above)





Ricardo Sanchez and Karen Lewis projected the easy going attitude that aliased this outgoing twosome "Most Friendly."



Below: With all humor in mind, Beth Wicker and Michael Batson enjoyed T.P.-ing this classic Mustang, to earn them the title of "Funniest."

Bottom right: Puttin' on the dog, Eddie Davis and Theresa Sidbury sport their threads, as "Best Dressed."









A terrific smile is a must for flirts. Shannon Shepard and Tonya Housand seem to have this "down pat."

Juggling sports and classes is a difficult task to undertake, but Alan Cutler and Traci Little maintain this admirably.

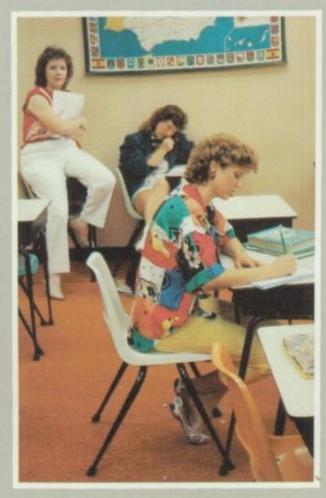
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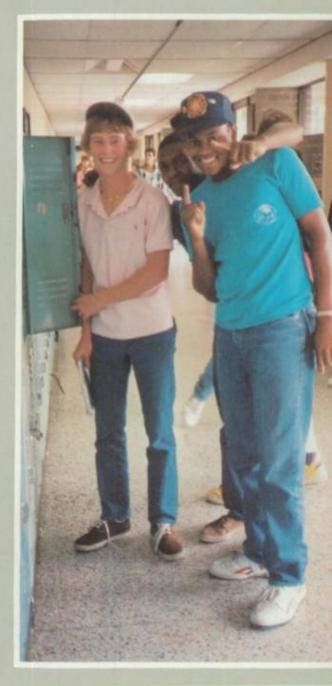
Catching A Breath

In a senior's life, things become too hectic to notice trivial things like time! There are too many other things that occupy their minds such as the ordering of caps and gowns, pictures, sending out announcements, getting applications off to colleges, and the list goes on.

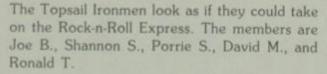
And before they know it, the first semester has gone by, then the second. At times, one may feel he's ready to throw it all away, but life goes on. During this busy year, the senior forgets to pause and catch a breather to remember his reason for pressing on.

Which is the reason we've dedicated these pages to the hard-working class of 1987. Here are only glimpses of these students' lives and what they did best during their final year at Topsail.



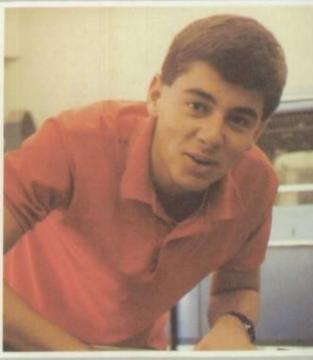






Ready to tell you everything you need to know about alternators (but were afraid to ask), Jason Jordan works diligently in auto-mechanics.

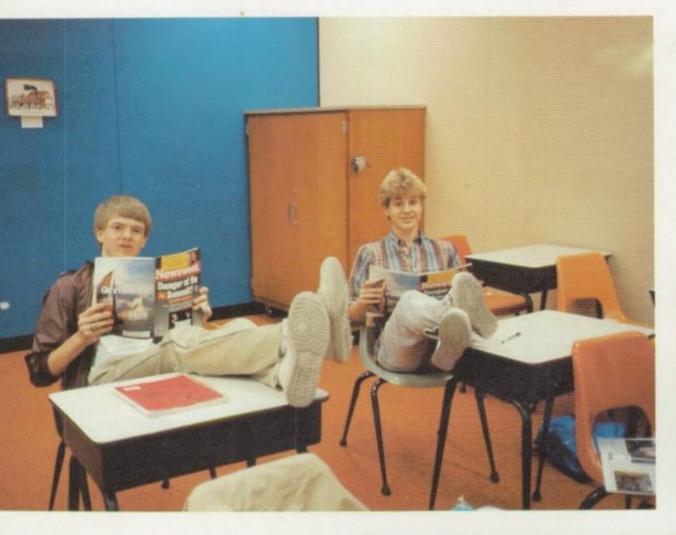
Martin Kegel doesn't seem to be dwelling too much on Greek architecture in World history.





(far left) Althea Rochelle and Lisa Stroud finish up one of Mrs. Jones's famous Spanish tests. With this new cultural experience, plans of visiting foreign countries were discussed.

Ennett C. Shannon S., and Demetrius B., show they are no strangers to the camera. (left)



The innocent grins of Robbie Phillips and Greg Mosher, are facades as to what is really behind the *Newsweek*. (left)

Demetrius Batts puts the aftermath of a good mudsling on showcase. This truck had seen better days.







Torra, one of the chosen few, traipses at exactly 2:00 daily, to the office with those infamous bubble sheets.

The anatomy of an engine is well explained by this group of future Mr. Goodwrenches: Nickey G., Shane B., Joe B., Alan C., Curtis L., and Porrie S.

Jason Jordan

Martin Kegel: J.V. Football 1, Varsity Golf 1, 2, 3, 4, Drama Club 1, 2, FCA 1, 2, Pep Club 1, Book Club 1, 2, Spanish Club 2, 3, Varsity Football 2, 3, 4, Yearbook Staff 2, Vice Pres. Explorers Post 2, Natl. Honor Society 3, 4, Varsity Soccer 3, 4, Surfing Club 4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 4.

Anthony Kirk: Soccer 1, AM Club 2, Jr. Fireman 2, 3, Sr. Fireman 4. Tammy Lea: Pep Club 1, 2, Drama Club 1, 2, FHA 1, Student Council Rep 1, 2, 3, 4, FCA 1, 2, Book Club 1, 2, Art Club 1, Explorers Post Club 2, Teacher's Aide 2, Office Aide 3, Prom Committee, Spanish Club 4, Marching Band 1, Student Body V. Pres. 4, Homecoming Court 4, Close-Up Club 4, P.E. Club 4.

Curtis Lee: Jr. High Baseball 1, Varsity Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4, (Capt. 3, 4), Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4, FCA 1, 2, Varsity Baseball 2, 3, 4, (Capt. 4).

Karen Lewis: Pep Club 1, Flag Team 1, 2, 3, Student Council Homeroom Rep. 1, Student Council Rep. 2, 3, 4, Drama Club 1, FCA 1, 2, JV. Cheerleader Mgr. 1, Spanish Club 2, 3, Student Council 2, 3, 4, Class Pres. 2, Mistress of Ceremonies for Homecoming 2, N.C. Close-Up 3, FHA 3, Natl. Band Award 3, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3.

Traci Little: Soccer 1, 2, 4, FCA 2, Spanish Club 2, 3, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Computer Club 1, Pep Club 1, Pep Band 1, Marching Band 1, Perfect Attendance 1, 2, Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4, Softball 2, 3, 4, Natl. Honor Society 2, 3, 4, (Secretary 3), Football Stats 3, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4, Junior Marshall, Prom Committee, Teacher's Aide 4.

David MacAlpine

Leigh Maultsby

Angela McCaskell: FHA 2, Library Aide 2, Office Aide 4, Chorus 4. Greg Mosher: Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Computer Club 1, Pep Club 1, Honor Roll 1, Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 3, Jr. High Baseball 1, Golf 2, Spanish Club 2, 3, Pep Band 3, Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Julie Neff: J.V. Cheerleading 1, FCA 1, 2, FHA 1, 2, Drama Club 1, 2, 4, Art Club 1, USBA Award 1, Marching Band 1, Varsity Cheerleader 2, 3, 4, Spanish Club 2, Yearbook Staff 3, 4, Prom Committee 3, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Homecoming Court 4.

Angela Nixon: Office Aide 4, Chorus 3, 4, FHA 4.

Michael Oppegaard: Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Band 1, Pep Band 1, Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4, FCA 1, 2, Yearbook 2, Spanish Club 2, 4, Student Council 3, 4, U.S. Student Council Award 4, Natl. Honor Society 3, 4, Academic All-American 4.

Michelle Parker: J.V. Cheerleader 1 (Trask), Library Aide 3, 4, Substitute Bus Driver 3, 4, Office Aide 4, Chorus 4.

Shelly Pearson: Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4, (capt. 2, 3, 4), Softball 1, 2, 3, 4, Homecoming 2, 3, 4, Drama Club 1, 2, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, Bus driver 3, FHA 4.

Dawn Phillips: Band 1, 2, 3, Art Club 12, 2, 3, FCA 1, 2, Teacher's Aide 1, Office Aide 1, 4, Football Stats 3, Chorus 4, Library Aide 4.

Robbie Phillips: Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4, Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Chess Club 1, Computer Club 1, J.V. Basketball 2, Varsity Basketball 3, Who's Who Among American High School Students 4.

Kimberly Pierce: Pep Club 1, 2, FBLA 2, Teacher's Aide 3, Prom Committee 3, Yearbook 4.

Marianne Randall: Pep Club 1, 2, J.V. Cheerleader 1, 2, Drama Club 1, 2, Yearbook 4, FHA 1, 4, FCA 1, 2, Book Club 1, Marching Band 1, Class Secretary 2, Teacher's Aide 2, Office Aide 3, Bus Driver 3, 4, Softball Manager 3, Prom Committee, Perfect Attendance 3, Phys. Ed. Club 4, Who's Who-Am. H.S. Students.

Kathleen Reeves: Clipper Staff 1, Art Club 1, Glee Club 1, Varsity Cheerleading 2, Drama Club 2, Foreign Language Club 2, Natl. Honor Society 3, Varsity Volleyball 4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 4, Monogram Club 4.

Althea Rochelle: Band 1, 2, Bible Club 1, Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4, Softball 2, Clipper Staff 2, Natl. Honor Society 2, 3, 4, (Pres. 3) Student Council 2, 3, (Treas. 3), Spanish Club 2, 3, Sophomore Class V. Pres., Chief Marshall, Sub. Bus Driver 3, Bus Driver 4, Foreign Language Club 4.

Wendy Rogers: Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4, V. Football Stats 2, 3, 4, J.V. Cheerleader 1, Who's Who 3, 4, Society of Distinguished High School Students 2, Creative Writing Award 2, Clipper Staff 1, Perfect Attendance 2, Student Council 1, Teacher's Aide 2, Yearbook Copy & Sports Editor 4, Spanish Club 2, 3, 4, Close-Up 2, Pep Club 1, 2, (V. Pres. 2) FCA 1, 2, 3, 4, Drama 1, 2.

Connie Rice: FHA 1, 2, 3, Art Club 1, 2, 3, Literature Club 1, Softball 1, 2, 3, Drama Club 2, 3, Science Club 1.

Ricardo Sanchez

Leslie Sanders

Tom Sessions

Shannon Shepard: FCA 1, 2, Band 1, 2, 3, Jr. High Basketball 1, Pep Club 1, 2, Concert Band 2, 3, J.V. Basketball 2, Varsity Basketball 3, 4, Sub Bus Driver 3, Bus Driver 4.

John Sidbury

Porrie Sidbury: Jr. High Basketball Champions 1, Jr. High Baseball, Jr. High Football 1, J.V. Basketball 2, FCA 2, Varsity Basketball 3, 4, Bus Driver 3, 4, Varsity Baseball 4, All Conference Basketball Player.

Theresa Sidbury: Band 1, 2, 3, Pep Club 1, 2, Jr. High Softball 1, Computer Club 1, FCA 2, FHA 3, Prom Committee, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, Library Aide 4.

Michelle Stanley: FCA 1, FBLA 1, 2, Spanish Club 2, Pep Club 1, 2, Teacher's Aide 2, 3, 4, Prom Decorating Committee 3, Yearbook 4, Class Project Committee 4, Honor Roll 1, 2.

Lisa Stroud: J.V. Cheerleader 1, Glee Club 1, FHA 1, Band 1, 2, Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4, FCA 1, 2, Varsity Cheerleader 2, 3, 4, Natl. Honor Society 2, 3, 4, Spanish Club 3, 4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 4.

Amy Stuckey: Band 1, 2, 3, Color Guard 1, 2, Science Club 2.

Lynn Swinson: Bible Club 1, Band 1, 2, Perfect Attendance 1, Honor Roll 1, 3, FCA 1, FHA 2, Homecoming Court 3, Jr. Class President, Prom

Committee, FBLA 4.

Phyllis Taylor: Band 1, Pep Club 1, 2, Drama Club 1, 2, Art Club 1, 2, Student Council 1, Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4, Spanish Club 2, 3, 4, Science Fair Honorable Mention 2, Natl. Honor Society 3, 4, Prom Committee (Chairman), Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4, Yearbook Staff 4, Jr. Fireman 4.

Keith Thompson: FCA 1, 2, Baseball 2, 3, 4, Pep Club 2, Spanish Club 2, 3, Perfect Attendance 3, Soccer 4.

Ronald Toby Mary Ward

Beth Wicker: J.V. Cheerleader 1, Majorette 1, Drama Club 1, 2, 4, Pep Club 1, 2, FCA 1, 2, Computer Club 1, Homeroom Rep. 2, Foreign Language Club 2, 4, Close-Up 2, FBLA 2, Prom Committee, Spanish Club 3.

Dawn York: Pep Club 1, 2, Drama Club 1, 4, FBLA 2, 4, Student Council 2, Spanish Club 2, 3, 4, FCA 2, Prom Committee.





Shot from an ant's eye view, Phyllis Taylor, Michael Deacon, and Beth Wicker put the final touches on a bulletin board in Spanish class.

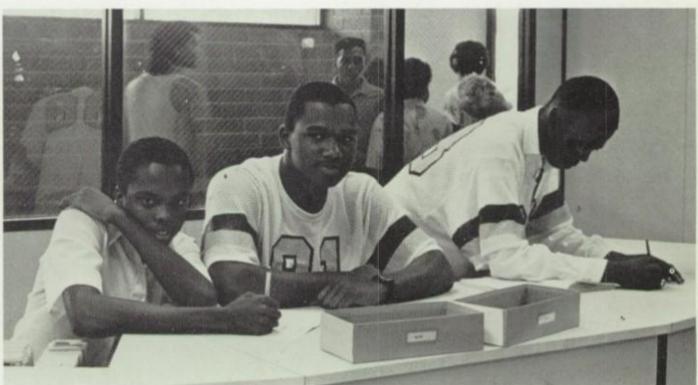
Caught!

"Factor those bears", yelled Maus as he tried to pound the Pythagorean theorem into the soft minds that had partied or stayed out too late the night before. Seniors became a nightmare to teachers who were unprepared when they found that the little angels from the years before had turned into con artists and lobbyists, especially when it came to turning in their final drafts for a week-late term paper or Spanish notebooks.

Young innocent minds of years past seemed to transform into delicate pieces of machinery. Finding out teachers' weaknesses proved useful when elaborate schemes were undertaken. The typical scenario: The English teacher has a very soft heart and can't remember everything, which puts two points in the class's favor. They appoint a reliable person — someone who participates in class and is well liked by the teacher — to play upon their unsuspecting victim. The student pleads that not enough time was given to absorb all the information on that particular piece, and if given one more night, passing with flying colors would be no problem at all. Alas, the test is postponed. Everyone can breathe again!

All this mischief was only an attempt to make the year more interesting and to insure the ultimate goal — graduation.

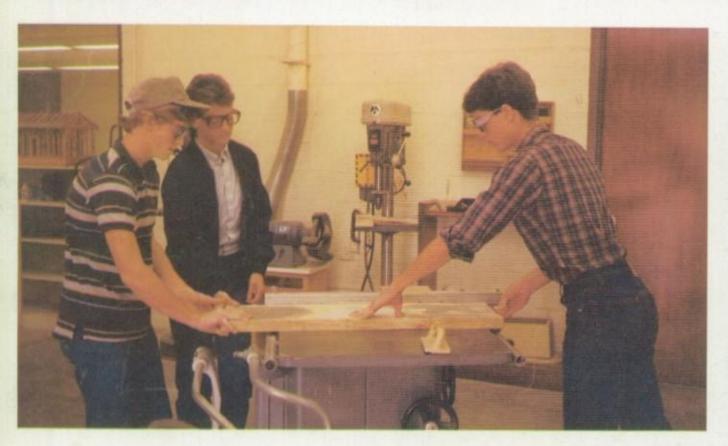




John Sidbury and David MacAlpine, Library Patrol, fill out wanted posters for outlaw students who owe money for overdue books. Tiyo Robinson assists in this endeavor.

Taking the easy way out, Traci Little prepares for her 12-A book report with the aid of Cliff Notes.

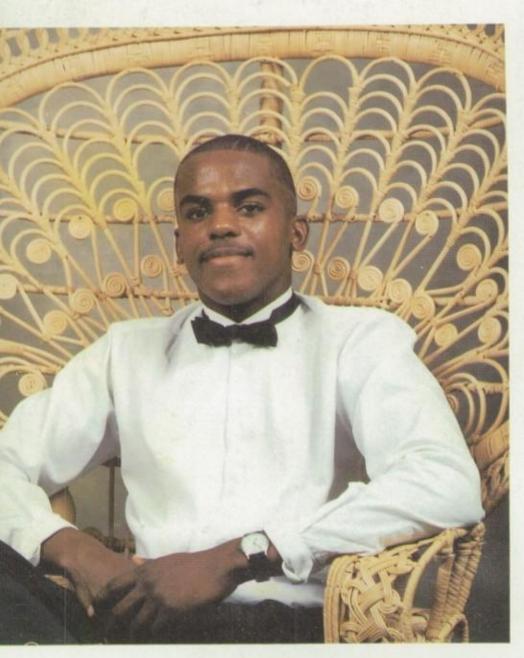




Ennett, Michael, and Keith tinker with a table saw during shop.

David Batts, with alumnus Travis Batson, scopes the waves at Topsail Beach.





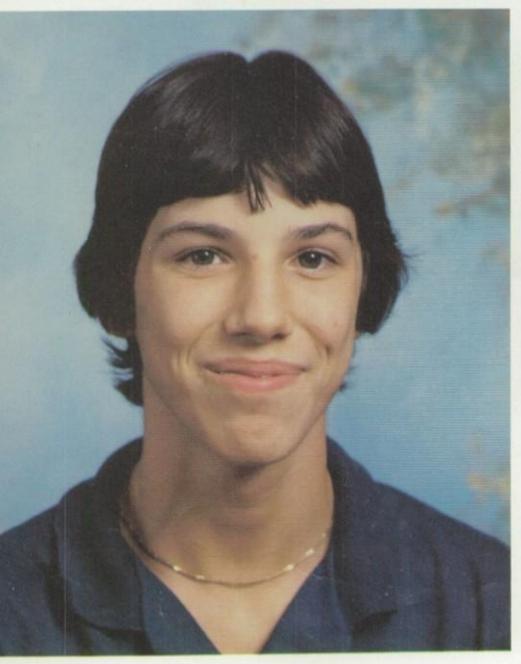
We Remember

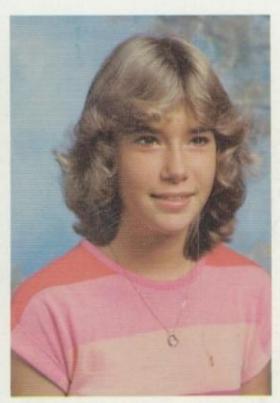
One of the greatest difficulties in life is coming to accept the loss of someone dear. Three such people have been lost to the Topsail family in recent years, and we choose to remember them here.

Mike Allen would have graduated with the class of 1986. He is remembered fondly by classmates and teachers alike for his shy smile and easygoing manner. Kerry Futrell (Class of '87) brought to us a sense of en-

thusiasm and generosity of spirit which has been sorely missed by all who knew her. Shawn "Rudy" Nixon (Class of '87) was about to enter his senior year at Topsail. Shawn never said "never" as he shared his athletic talents with our school and won the hearts of fellow students and teachers alike.

We will think back on the many happy times shared with Mike, Kerry, and Shawn. May they never be forgotten.





Kerry Futrell (1968-1983)

Mike Allen (1968-1983)

Juniors

Donna Allen Rick Asbury Audrea Batson Jamie Batson Carolyn Batts Wendy Brown Rachael Copp

Todd Curry Danny Davis Joya Ellis Anna Eubank Michelle Ferrell Greg Forgach

Dennis Gizinski Amy Henderson Jamie Hollis Kim Hollis Marti Horrell Lucy Howard Ann Hurd

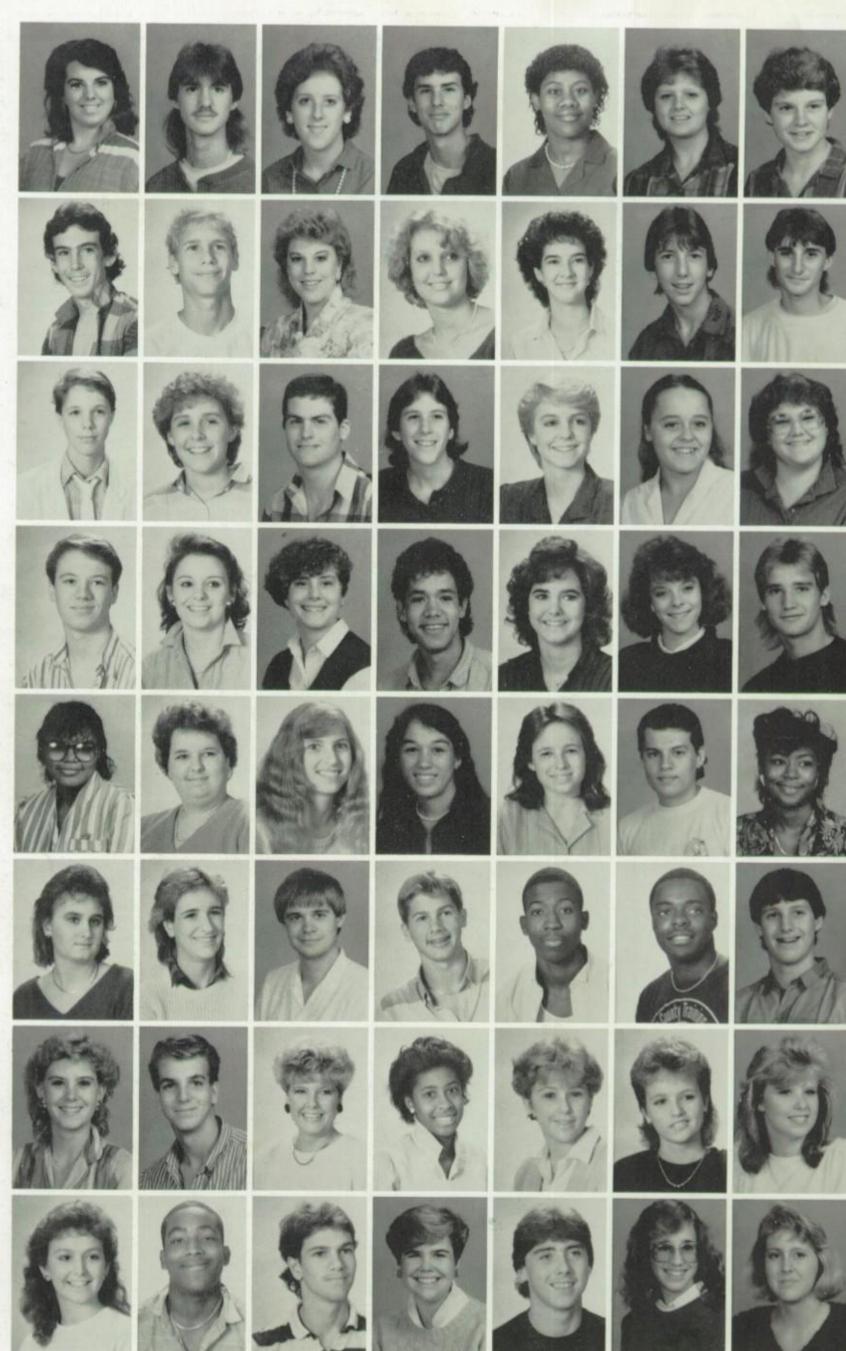
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Melissa Munger Kristi Neff John Neville Jeremy Newton Jeff Nixon Troy Nixon Brad Pate

Sandi Perry
Lee Poore
Martie Pullen
Shana Redd
Missy Register
Kelly Rhodos
Cyndi Ryce

Wayne Ross
Fodd Rothfus
Leigh Russell
Jack Sandlin
Wendy Sanders
Susan Satterfield





We're Seeing Redd

It was hard to keep up with Shana Redd. She was either working as a bank teller, practicing with the flag team, attending a student council meeting, or driving a bus. And that was not all! Her other activities included Close-up, National Honor Society (secy.), Homecoming Court, basketball statistics, and junior class officer (vice pres.).

With all that activity you would think her summers were a breeze. Wrong! Last summer Shana traveled to Raleigh and worked as a senate page for the Lt. Governor. Her busy schedule did not keep her from enjoying her free time which she spent playing the piano or working on her computer.

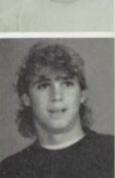
Shana, a lifetime resident of Hampstead, plans to attend N.C. State University and become a computer technician.







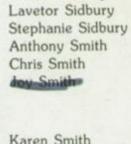




Suzanne Wicker Brian Wortman Jennifer Wozniak Mark Wright







Jennifer Sidbury Laveta Sidbury

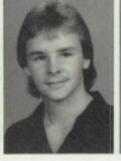














Karen Smith **Ghris Sullivan** John Taylor Tammie Thomas Richard Thomas Kevin Waiton Shain Weisell











Karen Brite Stretty-Matthe

The students at left had photographs made on "retake"





Scrounging For Funds

Pennies from heaven was one of the unanswered prayers of our perplexed juniors as they scrounged for funds to finance the Jr.-Sr. Prom. Krispy Kremes, everyone's favorites, were sold to yielding underclassmen for two bucks.

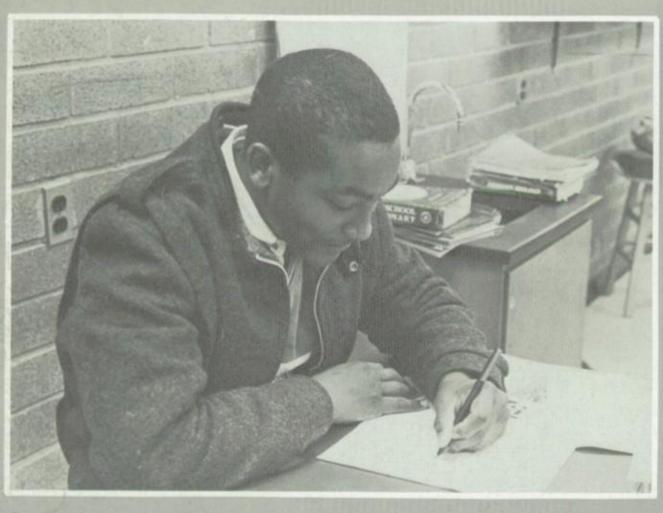
But if you thought for one moment that all this junior class produced was the most elite example of "tripping the light fantastic," — the prom — you're sadly mistaken. They filled up vacant positions in all sorts of activities around our school. Juniors composed close to 60% of the National Honor Society membership, and the *Pirate* staff put up with a few of these wild, gregarious scholars among its ranks.

Free time was wisely spent. Creativity and brain power seemed to radiate amongst the members of the eleventh

grade. The entire student body enjoyed the colorful writings of such students as Susan Satterfield as well as the intellectual brilliance of John Taylor and company.

Along with scholastic achievements, they were just as swift on the court and field. Such sports as cheerleading, football, basketball, soccer, baseball, volleyball, track, (and we mustn't forget the statisticians) overflowed with junior members.

The future looked bright for the Class of '88 as they anticipated their senior year by taking the S.A.T., ordering class rings, and receiving information for colleges and careers. This graduating class will surely leave their mark on our school as well as our community.



Caught in the act of actually doing classwork, Wayne Ross reveals his serious side.

Is lunch really worth smiling about? Laveta Sidbury thought so as she produced a dollar for her lunch.

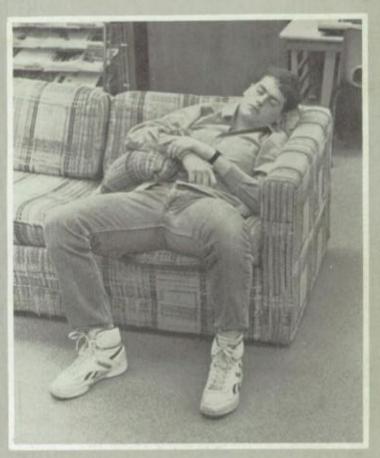






Catching up with the latest gossip, Jennifer Sidbury, Terri Hansley, and Stephanie Sidbury enjoy a well balanced meal.

Catchin' 40! Jamie Hollis takes it easy in the guidance area. Keeping up with J.V. Cheerleader Christina Craven seems to have finally caught up with him.







These "Three Amigos" will probably never appear on the big screen, but Anthony Smith, John Taylor, and Brad Pate made Spanish Day more spicy with their "secret salsa".

Typing Class can sometimes come in handy as Wendy Brown puts last minute touches on assigned homework.

Sophomores

Charlie Atkinson Chuck Batts Shelly Batts Twanna Batts Shannon Baum Bob Boughner Woody Bolton

John Bradshaw

Tany Brite

Lisa Brooks

Lee Carden

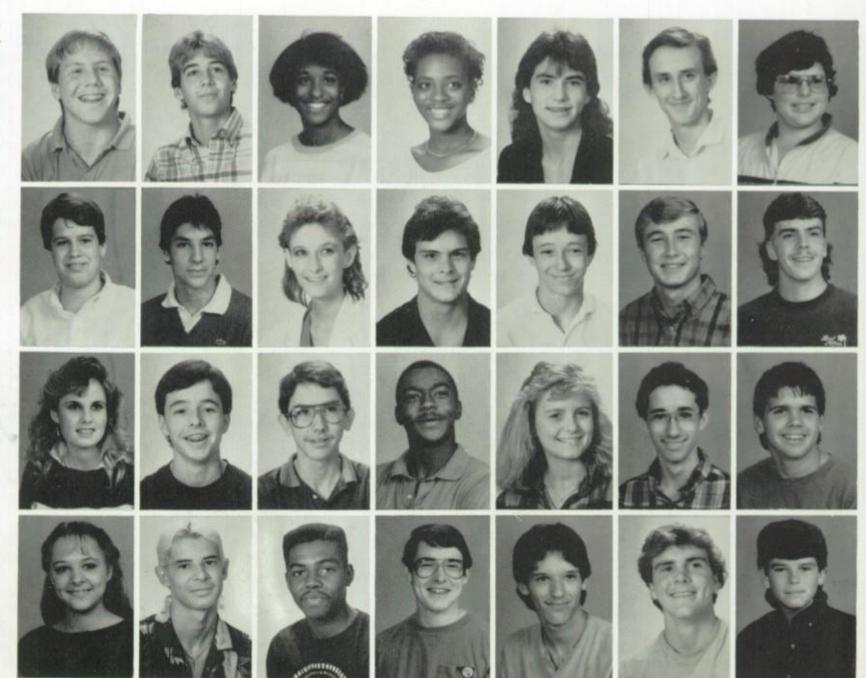
Eric Carter

Timmy Carter

Clint Conner

William Corbett
Steven Covil
Dwight Cos
Christina Craven
Scott Crouch
Brad Davis

Kathy Deese
Danny Dellabuone
Steven Dixon
Fred Dortch
Allen Doyle
David Duncan
Randall Edens



A Man For All Seasons

"Hey! Have you seen Chris Loughlin?"

"No, but check the half-pipe. I'm sure you'll find him there."

If Chris isn't at the half-pipe risking his life on a skateboard, he could be out on the baseball field refining his fast ball. Or he could even be at the beach surfing, or at the golf course sprucing up his slice. Evidently, Chris has many interests.

A student at Topsail since seventh grade, Chris loves our school and his friends here. He played soccer in '86 and baseball in grades 7-10. He is an asset to Topsail's athletic program and proves it time and again on the field.

Aside from being an athlete, Chris is a devoted Christian. He enjoys going to church and doing the things which are good for him. Chris considers himself to be a "well-rounded" person.





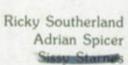
"A smile is worth a thousand words." If words were money, these girls could pay off the athletic debt. Matese Sharpless, Sonya Jenkins, Marckita Garrison, and Twanna Batts, bare their expensive grins for the camera.

Yolanda Sidbury Gody Skipper Melanie Slater



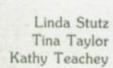






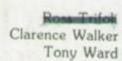






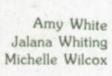
























Charlie Atkinson finds Tanya Pollard to be a light load as he gives her a lift to cheerleading practice.





Fourth period Spanish 1 class

an unidentified object flies aimlessly

across the room. The receiver hastily

tears into the projected article. The

projectile having been retracted, it is

aimed once again toward its original

takeoff point. It glides effortlessly through the classroom from side to

side. All at once it hits Mrs. Jones in

the back of her head. The perpetrators are sentenced to a seventh

This was only one of the many mischievous feats conspired in order to

make their sophomore year a year to remember. As Topsail's most sizeable

class, they always kept things going.

But make no mistake about it, these

pranksters are not ignorant! This class

displayed an enormous array of talent and creativity with an overabundance

of artists, writers and computer whiz-

period.

Serious concentration is given to the job at hand as Stevie Dixon puts final touches on classwork for display.

"Sophomores at play" could well describe these guys. Kevin Johnson, Paul Huff, Rodney Garrison, Tony Brite and Danny Dellobuono pose easily for the camera.



Fanatic Phase!

zes. This group of overachievers was in a class by themselves.

They also proved to be attentiongetters. They were some of the flashiest dressers this side of Calvin Klein. Everything from granny boots and large hoop earrings to Jams and Vans

est dressers this side of Calvin Klein. Everything from granny boots and large hoop earrings to Jams and Vans were worn to set a unique standard for fashion throughout the year. How many times were you stopped in your tracks by the sight of Paul Huff sporting his asymmetrical hairdo?

And what about the friendly attitude expressed by this class? Hasn't everyone been accosted in the hall by

friendly manner, of course?

Yes, fashion-conscious, friendly pranksters were abundant in the class of '89. We predict their junior year will be just as unique.

Dwight Cox at least once - in a



The job of an office aide is anything but glamorous, as Tammy Morgan takes incoming calls, delivers the morning announcements, and bears notices for early dismissal.

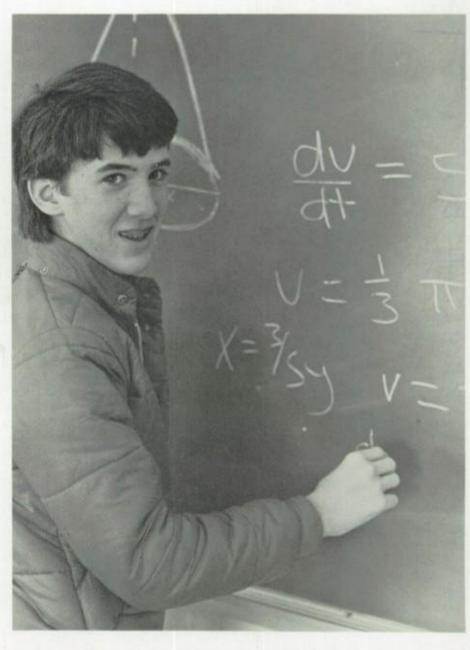
A star of the freshman class and girls' basketball team, Luellyn Piver, flashes a glowing smile, seeming not to have a care in the world. Luellyn wishes to share her good fortune of a happy and healthy life with animals in need by becoming a veterinarian. She has a gentleness about her that makes her perfect for the field. We anticipate Luellyn's future achievements.

Joey Payne, another bright spot within the Topsail freshman class, is a quick-witted yet serious young man. His many school activities include the Chess Club, Quiz Bowl, and Math Competition. His obvious interests in the fields of math and science will hopefully lead to his desired work in a rewarding and profitable engineering career.

Topsail's Class of 1990 is fortunate to have such talent to represent them.



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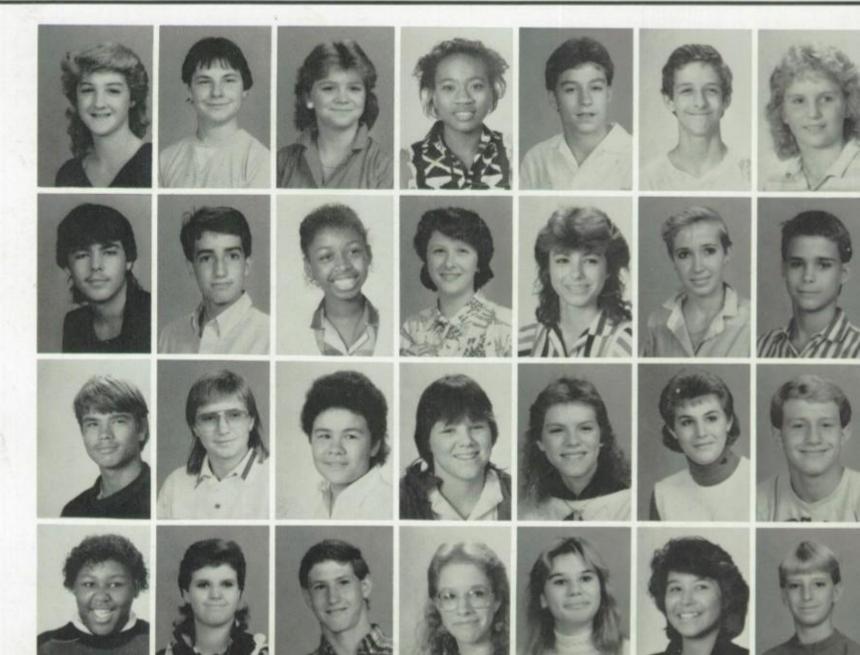


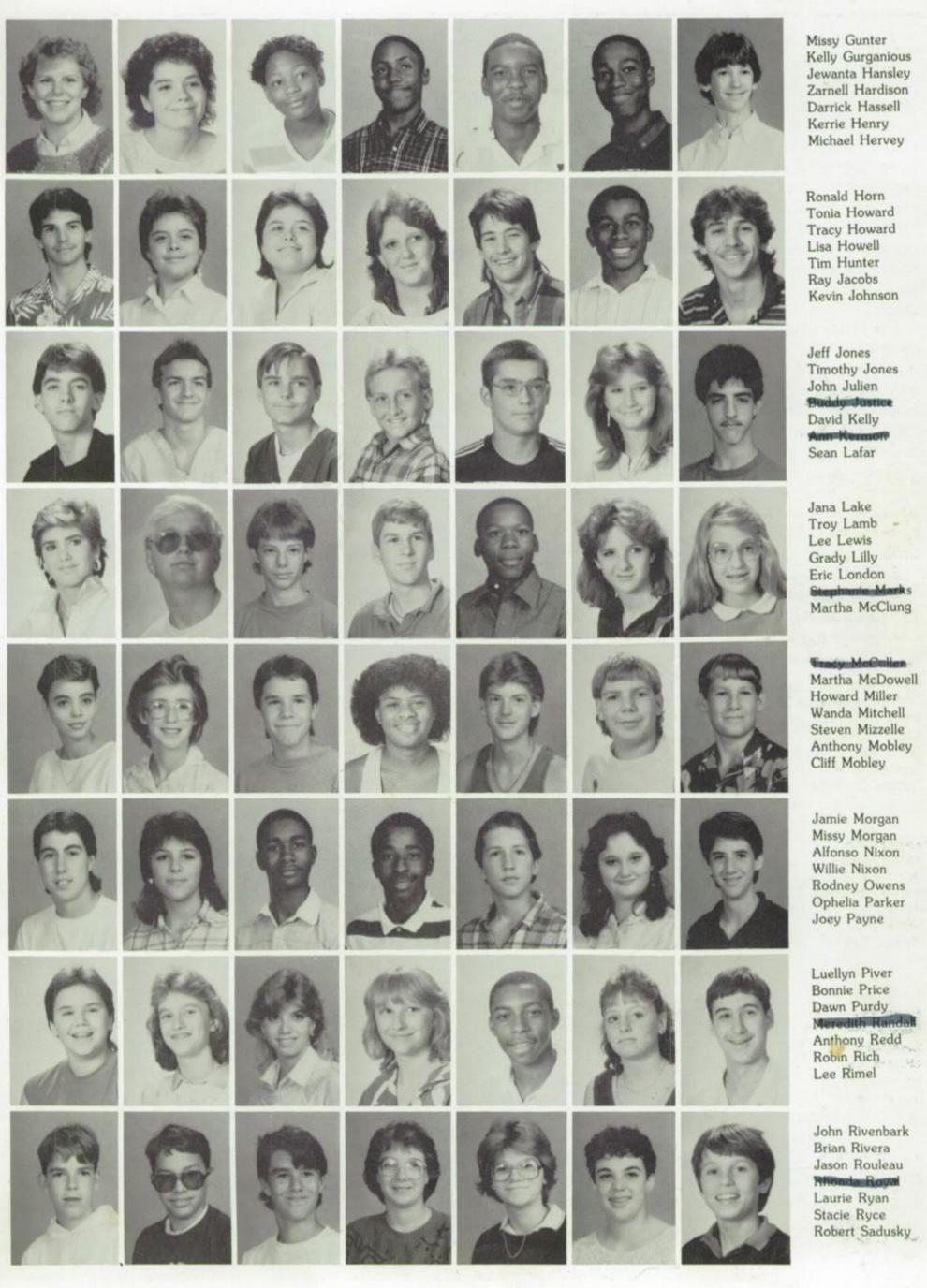
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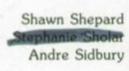


Paul Sadusky Shawn Sanderlin Chris Sharpless





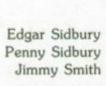








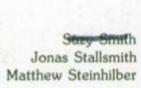












Kent Taylor Januare Tucker



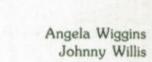






















Luellyn Piver, Susan Evans and Missy Gunter cheer Varsity football players during an early season scrimmage.

Acting out their good deed for the day, Tracy McCullen and Sherry Lawrence sweep the smoking area.



Rambunctious Rowdies

Running buck naked through the front hall, sending a pair of F.M.U..* waving at the top of the flagpole and tapping into the school computer to erase absentees, were not some of the things this Freshman class achieved during their first year as high schoolers. Gotcha!

Had to get your attention!

Student copy can sometimes be boring, but the Freshman class gave us so much to write about we didn't have time to be boring!

This rambunctious group of overachievers gave the upperclassmen a taste of their own medicine. Most of these students divided their time between studying, gossiping and driving their teachers bonkers. While they look forward to their sophomore year, this group of kids gear up for their next adventure.

*Faculty member's underwear



Attempting to stay in tip top condition, Ray Fisher, runs during his 3rd period P.E. class.

Sharing hugs with close friends is something that Freshman Melissa Coston enjoys, as do her counterparts Junior Chris Amberg and Freshman Scott Batts.

Keith Akins Ann Atkinson Jeff Atkinson Carlton Batts Junnifer Batts Roy Batson Jeff Bradshaw Mark Brooks Daryl Bryan Terrance Conner Shannon Coston Stephanie Covil Kay Crawford James Davis Stephanie Davis Victor Davis Roland Dixon Bernadette Doyle Jill Earp Ann Pallet Raula Gales Travis Geddie Sal Glambanco Craig Gore Brad Graham Robin Graham Bernard Howell Osahal Hansley Cornelia Hardison Michael Hartsfield harry Hayes Billy Henderson Scott Hewett HAMI Karum Hill Kevin Hollis Charles Huff Scott Ingram Clareas Jacobs Min denkins Angelica Jones Carol Jones Dana-Jones Phillip Jones Etteen Julien David Justice William Justice Gary King Caystal Isanier Donald Lawrence **Gandi** Lethco ntyne London



Rounding off his second year as a student at Topsail Jr/Sr High, Reggie Fuller is a prime example of the "eager beaver" student body members who inhabited our halls.

A very mature and level-headed fellow, Reggie is in no hurry to grow up. He wants a full view of life at 13 before moving on. This dynamic young man fills his days with music by playing the alto sax. He prefers jazz.

With an optimistic outlook on his future at Topsail, Reggie would like to become involved in our acclaimed Spanish club and also fill a position as bus driver, as did his brother Craig.

With the promise to remain a valued asset to Topsail, let's give a round of applause for Reggie!

Rockin' Reggie



Robert London
Jennifer Maready
Kelldrain Marshall
Scott McCorkle
James McDowell
Alex Michaud
Yashica Mills

Alton Mitchell
Elizabeth Montgomery
Amy Moody
Leon Moody
Jennifer Moore
Erik Morgan
John Mullgray

Edna Newcomb Mary Newcomb Corey Nixon Derrick Nixon Katina Nixon Lateshia Nixon Patrick Nixon

Chad Oates
Donnie O'Neil
Brent Parker
Pete Paschall
Lacy Pasquel
Jeff Pearson
Bobby Perry

During practice for the Christmas concert, Jennifer Batts sulks over the loss of her flute.

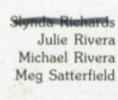
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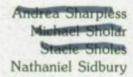




















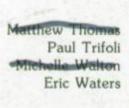
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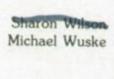




















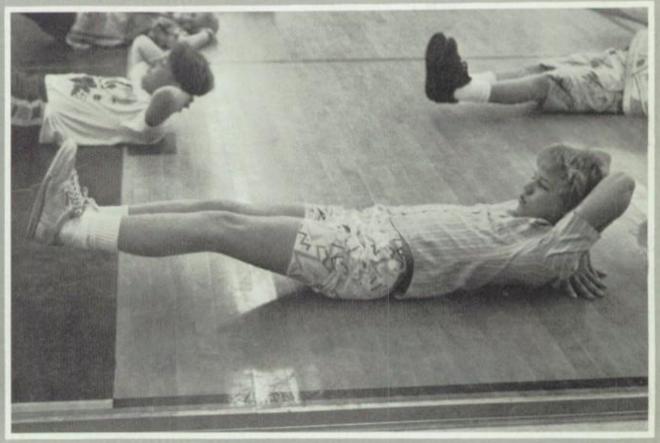


Attention Getters

Iron crosses, army jackets, buzzed cranial sections, experiments with Violent Femmes and Dead Milkmen. All these things were incorporated by the junior high folks in order to establish their niche in the social life of the classes of '91 and '92. There are three things that occupied their minds: Talking on the phone, clothes, and rock'n roll. Re-relating every single detail about the day to their best friend, spending two hours every night deciding on what to wear the next day, and listening to the absolutely weirdest music they could get their hands on characterized this year's batch of junior highers.

Anything to attract attention was the groupies' common cry. They brought new talent to their social life as well as to sports, tearing down the barriers that normally limit kids in their efforts to excel. They deserve a big hand for reviving the spirit of individualism here at Topsail.





8th graders Leontyne London and John Mullgrav finally got the attention of the camera after having struck this pose on numerous occasions.

Leg lifts, a key to toning stomach muscles, are precisely performed by 7th grader William Allen during 2nd period P.E.

Seventh Grade

William Allen Eric Batson Tawan Batts Winnie Berger James Brown James Clarida Shea Coker Craig Cole Brian Corbett Neather Daniel's Tammy Dean Erre-Carp Jadey Edwards Robert Eubank Troy Euglow Robert Garrison James Garvey Missy George Sandy Gray **Ghris Grindstaff** Dwayne Hall Anthony Hansley Kim Haste Teather Hollis Donna Horne Chris Howard Kim Jackson Dita Jacobs Kansas Johnson Brian Jones Susan Jones Mandy Lake Stephanie Lea Kirby Lewis Walt Lewis Warren Manuel Joy Marshall Beatrice McDowell Tracy Monroe Michael Nixon Robert Nixon Michelle Padgett Kevin Redd Rob Reyes Jason Rimel Torrey Robinson Jason Radgers Billy Sanders Amanda Satter Jeff Singleton John Sidbury Rhonda Sidbury Glenn Simmonds



























Charlie Tyer Tina Vickery Charles Ward Damita Ward Trina Williams Anita Wortman

Greg Simmons Paul Sniff Ann-Marie Stevenson Eric Taylor James Taylor Darren Tew Ruan Thomas

Reach For The Stars

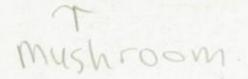


Ending her first year at Topsail Jr-Sr High with five years upcoming, Winnie Berger has a future here that will set the stage for the rest of her life.

With a personality as warm as a summer day and a face as cute as her stuffed animals, this dark haired girl has dreams that soar way beyond the horizon. When the Space Shuttle went down in 1986, it did not crash Winnie's determination to attain the title of Space Shuttle Commander. With a drive like that, she is bound to be a success.

Space is not the only stop for Winnie. Back down on earth, this soft-spoken young lady appreciates getting back to nature by involving her talents in the Nature Club, while volleyball is favored when it comes to athletics.

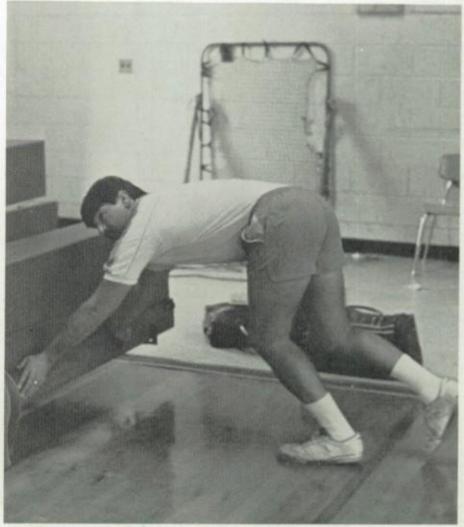
Winnie's view on life has best been told by the words of Casey Casum, a famous radio personality, who says: "Keep your feet on the ground, and keep reaching for the stars."



Giving it the old "heave-ho", Athletic Director Ed Gibson shows it takes muscle to keep the recreation facilities in tip top shape.

Gail Daniel can't "bear" to be alone — especially when she's typing the morning announcements.





Good Grief! Late Again!

Teachers Have Their Say About Certain Changes, And The Old News About Our School.

Monday morning, 8:25 a.m.: the bell tolls, and students of every size scurry to their class-rooms before the tardy bell rings. A rustle of papers, a hand is raised, a question is asked. The teacher moves toward the blackboard with the inevitable explanation "Universal gravitation is the attraction between "From out of nowhere comes a bellowing voice, "Attention students for the morning announcements. There will be a student council meeting after school in the cafeteria "the hypnotic voice drolls endlessly. Morning announcements, bubble sheets, undependable clocks, and the infamous central air system caused frequent confusion and headaches among our teachers.

Don't tell me you forgot that teachers are human too? (It was hard to believe after taking that major test that looked like Greek instead of World History because the information just happened to come from your book, not your notes.) Certain trivial things caused stress and conflict for faculty members. For example,

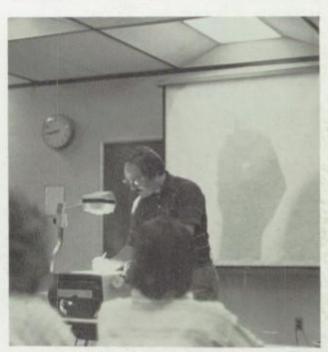
those ominous bubble sheets could have turned even your favorite teacher into a raving lunatic when they realized they had forgotten to send it in to the office at the end of 2nd and 5th periods. "Twice a day was too much," commented Mrs. Jones. "They needed someone to come around and collect them. I was more concerned with the teaching."

Although the "bubble sheet review" caused headache, time was also a factor of mental strain to teachers. "Since we no longer had bells, we released class according to the clocks OOPS, the clocks didn't work either. So we looked up the hall and watched to see when Mr. Brown let his class go. People probably pay too much attention to time anyway," noted Mrs.

With the everyday struggle of forcing stubborn minds to learn, this added obsession with wasted time just caused extra confusion for teachers, making the days seem longer and the year a memorable one.



A ghostly hand looms over the lighted screen as Kirk Brown explains a difficult problem on the forces of gravitational attraction in Physics class.

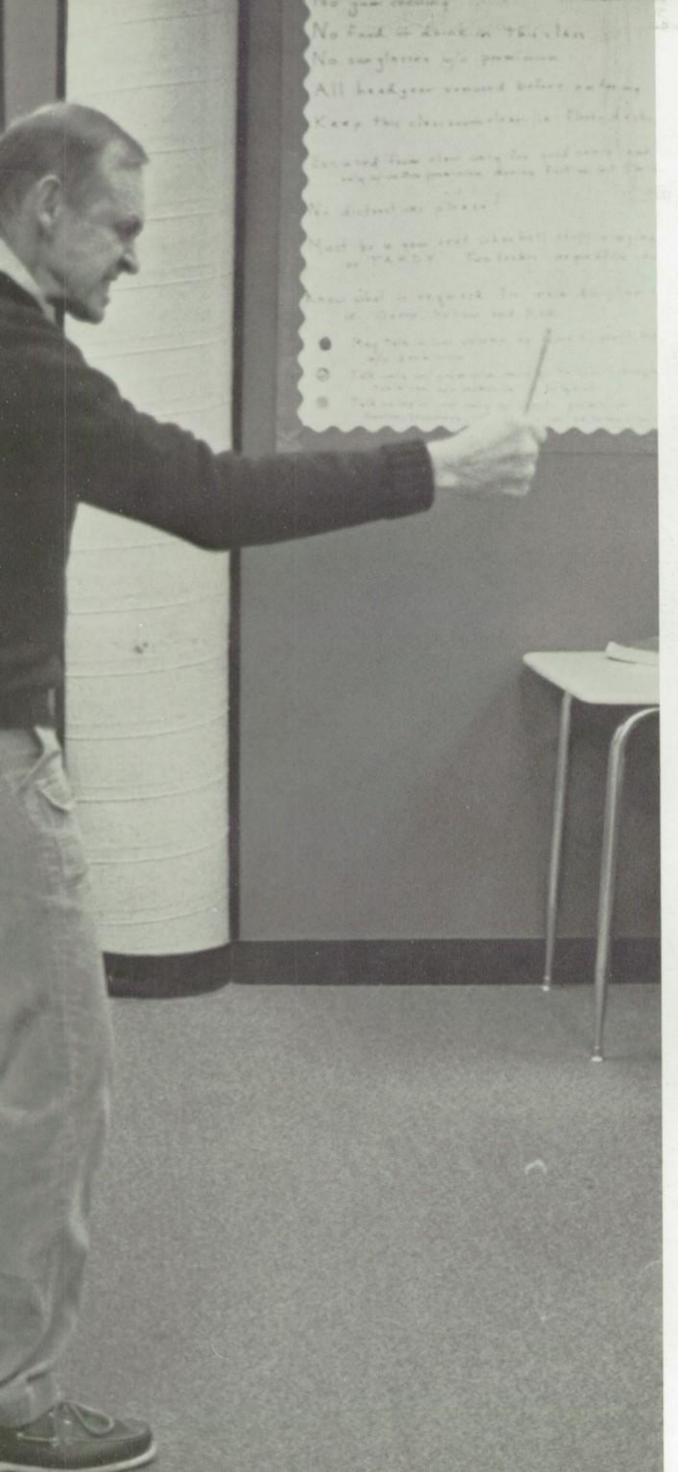




A welcomed addition to our faculty and school: Principal Larry Poore

Candace Woodcock, daughter of Andee & Dennis Woodcock, uses her time wisely during intermission of the Christmas band concert. Her brother, Brad Pate, was playing in the concert band.

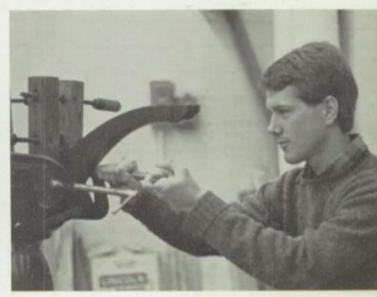
Kirk Brown Almette Campbell Dan Carmon Tommy Carter Wanda Cherry **Gail Daniel** Kathy Ellis Richard Fey Tom Frazier Steve Garrett Dorothy Garrison Ed Gibson Doris Grubbs Diane Hughes Susan Jones Earl Jordan Bob Kermon Jean King Pauline Lewis Bill Maus Elisabeth McChesney Willia McGee Theresa Mitchell Hazel Moore Lemetta Nixon Glen Piver John Rowland Janice Sanders Tracy Schott Cheryl Shuford Sandra Sidbury Annette Sparks Jim Stanley Ozella Stanley Reuben Terry Mitzl Walker Rick Walrond Debbie Watts Frank Wheatly Kay Williams Andrea Woodcock



Another quadratic equation bites the dust as Col. Bill Maus pours out his frustrations on unlucky students at the front of the class.

Skill drills are the key in becoming an efficient and precise typist. Office occupations teacher Mrs. Ozella Stanley believes in exactness as she watches the stop watch intently.





An addition to our ever-growing faculty, Mr. Steve Garrett gives us a different perspective in the world of construction and drafting.



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Catch 22

Clubs have taken a big turn for the better this year. With the added enthusiastic participation, students expanded their interests in a wider range of subject matter.

Due to the weekly meetings, clubs were better organized in their goals and catered more to the students' needs.

It took a while to catch on to the tricky but advantageous schedule. Students learned by trial and error, often being late to classes, due to forgetting the exact end of an extended lunch. But a semester seemed long enough for us all to get into the groove of things.

Clubs, Clubs 120-121

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FCA: M. Sharpless, D. Cox, T. Batts, W. Ross, T. Jacobs, T. Robinson, C. Hall, B. Davis, K. Johnson, M. Slater, D. Johnson, W. Rodgers, S. Satterfield, M. Kegel, A. Henderson, E. Davis, Coach Foy, E. Rodgers, S. Reeves, L. Lewis, L. Horrell, C. Atkinson, M. Ferrell.





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When students heard the news over the morning announcements that "Club Days" were starting at Topsail High, reactions varied. Most were surprised, while others were completely shocked. But all were pleased and enthusiastic about the sudden change in day to day events. Every Tuesday, students would be able to pursue their different club interests during what was termed "activity day".

Much involvement and enthusiasm meant accomplishment. During the holidays, the FHA raised money that helped renew hope in the hearts of many needy families by making them realize that someone cared. One member of the club commented, "Just to see the smiles on their faces at Thanksgiving or Christmas would bring joy to anyone's holiday." Many people felt good about this special accomplishment. (cont'd. on page 122)





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Nature: M. Padgett, J. Earp, J. George, D. Horn, B. Sanders, C. Tyers, P. Sniff, J. Edwards, K. Crawford, A. Salter, S. Jones, L. Willis, A. Wortman, J. Taylor, J. Rodgers, S. Coker, E. Earp, D. O'Neil, M. Thomas, W. Morgan, J. Atkinson, L. Pasquel, W. Berger, A. Woody, D. Ward, C. Pierce.









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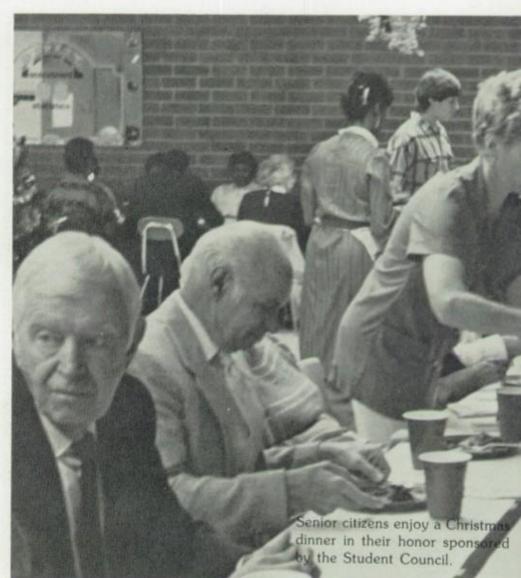
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Another club that displayed a positive attitude towards club involvement was the F.T.A. who held a special dinner in appreciation of the hard work and daily efforts of the teachers of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

The Literary Club, headed by Doris Grubbs, worked really hard to publish a magazine consisting of student writings, short stories, and poems. The P.E. Club, led by Athletic Director Ed Gibson, held volleyball and softball intramurals to help the student athletes get in shape for upcoming seasons.

In the years to come, we hope that students will be able to put forth as much effort and enthusiasm into activity days as the students of 1986-87.





Band Boosters: S. Perry, K. Hollis, C. Smith, T. Thomas, K. Neff, J. Taylor, Rimel, T. Fuller, T. Conner, M. Ward, A. Hurd, C. Sharpless, S. Bradshaw, Sholar, W. Carter, S. Crouch, P. Sidbury, S. Johnson, T. Sidbury, J. Skipper, Taylor, M. Satterfield, C. Pierce, S. Richards, A. Atkinson, G. Rochelle, Jacobs, B. Batts, J. Batts, M. Walton, A. Kermon, S. Jenkins, S. Shepard, Smith, L. Fussell, J. Tucker, J. Pearson, M. Mathis, E. McChesney.

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Quiz Bowl: A. Woodcock, C. Smith, K. Phillips, J. Ingram, J. Julien, A. Gray, J. Taylor, M. Wright, B. Rivera, J. Payne.



Student Council: A. Gray, L. Horrell, T. Housand, A. Eubank, S. Redd, B. Pate, J. Parker, D. Johnson, L. Poore, T. Jacobs, S. Batts, D. Garrison.



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Beginning Band

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Majorettes

Mary Ward, Torra Jacobs, Yolanda Sidbury.



Sell! Sell! That's what it took for the Topsail bands, directed by Elisabeth McChesney, to raise money for the new and much-needed uniforms. They sold everything from cheeses and candy to raffle tickets for various items. Lisa Lewis, a junior, bought the lucky ticket for an inflatable lime green palm tree. Says Lisa, "I had to move everything around in my room to accommodate that thing!"

The band sacrificed their chance at major competition in order to hold such fund raising activities. However, they attended area competition in Wallace/Rose Hill, Rocky Mount, Wilson, and the Wilmington Azalea Parade.

This year was a first in the All-State band auditions. Four eighth graders received awards for their excellent performances. They were Jennifer Skipper, Slynda Richards, Meg Satterfield, and Joanna Taylor.

The Chorus, Bands, Majorettes, and Flag Team all represented Topsail with pride.







Flag Team

Theresa Sidbury, Andrea Mullgrav, Drusenda Jacobs, Sarah Johnson, Sonya Jenkins, and Matese Sharpless.

Scott Crouch, Warren Garrison, and Dwight Cox watch Mrs. McChesney for cues during practice for the Christmas concert.









Marching Band

B. Batts, M. Blackman, B. Boughner, S. Bradshaw, W. Carter, W. Corbett, D. Cox, S. Crouch, E. Davis, T. Fuller, L. Fussell, W. Garrison, S. Glahn, A. Gray, M. Gunter, R. Gunter, A. Harrell, K. Hollis, L. Horrell, A. Hurd, R. Jacobs, L. Johnson, D. Jones, S. Jones, K. Jordan, J. Julien, D. Kelly, A. Kermon, J. Lake, J. Lanier, C. Lee, M. Mathis, M. McClung, W. Mitchell, T. Morgan, G. Mosher, K. Neff, A. Nixon, B. Pate, S. Perry, K. Phillips, R. Phillips, T. Pollard, J. Poteat, S. Reeves, L. Rich, L. Rimel, W. Ross, S. Ryce, R. Satterfield, C. Sharpless, M. Sharpless, K. Shepard, S. Sholar, P. Sidbury, C. Skipper, C. Smith, S. Smith, A. Spicer, J. Taylor, T. Thomas, J. Tucker, M. Wright.

Chorus

D. Allen, D. Allen, C. Batts, S. Batts, K. Cottle, K. Deese, R. Fisher, T. London, K. Marshall, A. McCaskill, M. Mitchell, A. Moore, A. Nixon, K. Nixon, M. Parker, O. Parker, D. Phillips, K. Rhodes, G. Rochelle, L. Sanders, J. Sidbury, L. Sidbury, S. Sidbury.

Pep Band

L. Johnson, J. Poteat, W. Corbett, R. Phillips, S. Bradshaw, M. Sharpless, S. Crouch, D. Cox, B. Boughner, C. Skipper, R. Jacobs, C. Smith, E. Davis, J. Taylor, M. Wright, K. Phillips, K. Shepard, K. Neff, T. Thomas, T. Pollard, K. Hollis, J. Lanier, M. McClung, A. Nixon, C. Sharpless, T. Jacobs, S. Glahn, S. Ryce.

Heck, Durn!



Back in 1985, Chris Smith, Eddie Davis, and Brad Pate were playing their trumpets in band when suddenly an idea hit them. Why not form a group of their own? Topsail had no clubs at the time, and they wanted to shoe their fellow classmates that individuality is important in the real world. Soon they became known as "The Mellow Fellows", a non-profit organization dedicated to music, North Carolina Tarheels, and Sundrop.

Chris Smith, head speaker for the group, told us that his "trendy trumpet trio" had started many of the fads at Topsail this year. More people began listening to ZZ Top and betting on Carolina games. Many people at Topsail still may not have heard of them before, but as Chris, Eddie, and Brad say: "Heck, durn! Yeah!"





Catch-Words

Don't you hate it when you walk in the house and your Mom shoves a foot long grocery list in your face? Despite your protests, you hurry to the store, in hopes one of your friends is working checkout. Maybe then you can catch the latest gossip.

Such reasons are why we can call this place "home," seeing familiar faces that add character to our community.

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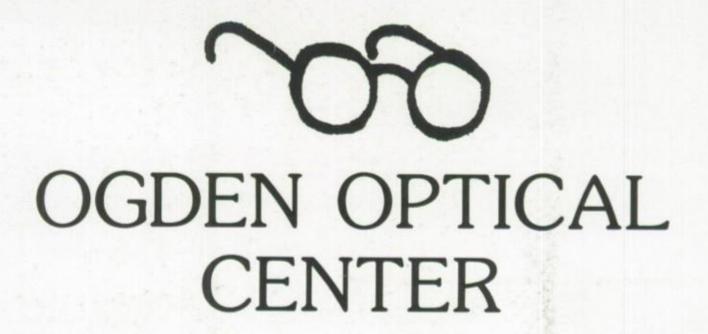
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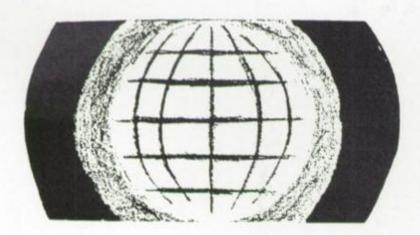
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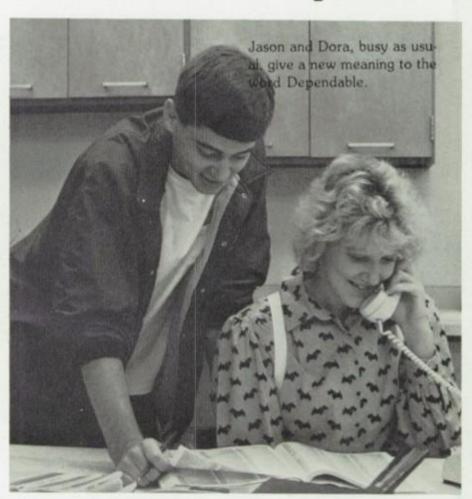
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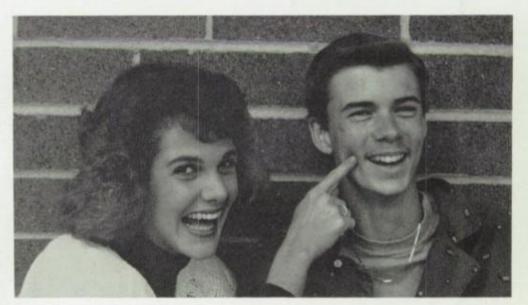
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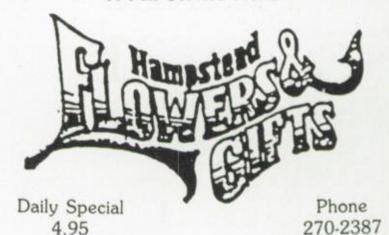
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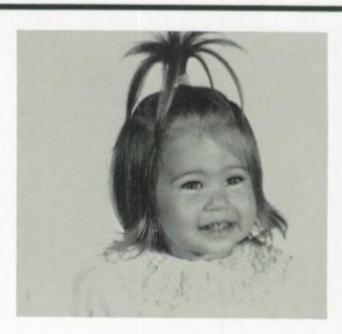


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be your family.
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Congratulations Kimberly!

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> Love, Mom & Family



Alan, we are very proud of you. You have given us so much pleasure. Thanks for being so special. It has been an honor being your parents. May the future hold much happiness!!

Congratulations Eddie!



We're proud to have you as a son and brother! Love, Mom, Dad, & Michael

Congratulations Rob!!

Someone wins. Someone loses. Such is the nature of games. But liking trophies, I hate to lose. So sometimes I just don't play. Yet I know that skill comes from practice, whether in sports, or in caring, or in sharing. So give me a heart full of courage, Lord, to enter the game of life. Then we'll celebrate together

not winning or losing –
but
the way we play the game.
from Celebrate.

We're proud of you!! Love, Mom, Dad, Kelly, Timothy



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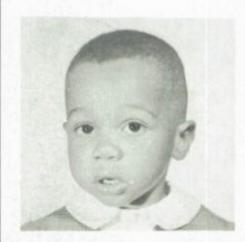
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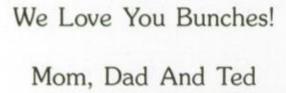
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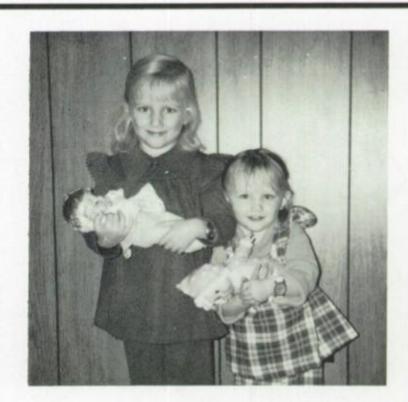
We love you. May God bless you forever.

Mom And Dad And Suzanne



Marianne,

We are calling to let you know that you are very special. We love you and are proud of the goals you have accomplished. Remember we will always be there for you if you need us. Just call. Love Always, Mom And Dad



"Mari"

You have always been someone for me to lean on. If you ever need my shoulder, just let me know. I Love You, Meredith

Congratulations Curtis!!







As we have watched you grow into a fine young man, you have always made us proud. May you receive all the love and happiness that you have given us. Always put God first in your life, set your goals high, and "go for it"!!

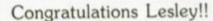
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Congratulations Curtis!!



We Love You!!

Grandmother And Granddaddy Edens





We're proud that you've reached this milestone in your life. We love you and always will. Don't ever give up on yourself and your goals. We have faith in you.

Love, Mama, Daddy, Wendy, Crystal, And Charlie



Shane,

Congratulations Son!
We are so proud of you.
You are just beginning
your steps to the future
and we are with you
every step of the way.

Love, Mama, Daddy, And Shannon



If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain; If I can ease one life the aching, Or cool one pain. Or help one fainting robin Into his nest again I shall not live in vain.

Julie -The Best Is Yet To Come - Reach High!! Love Terry, Mom & Kristi



Congratulations John!

It's Been Some Journey, But You Made It! Now Comes The Big Stuff! So Go Forth With Your Head Held High And With The Knowledge That God Is The Creator And Provider Of All Things.

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You Have Reached One Of Your Goals. We Are Proud Of You. May God Bless You In Life. Love, Mom, Dad, & Leroy jr.



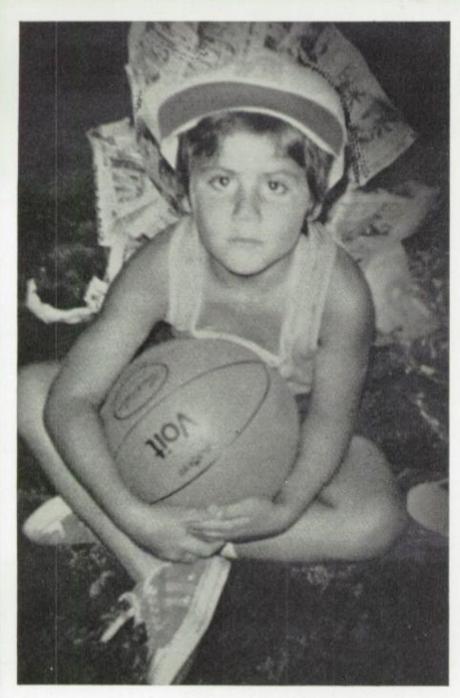
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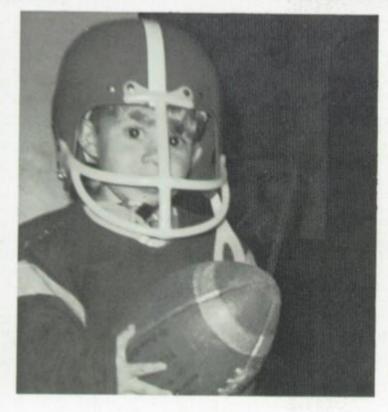
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Good Luck,
Little Sis!
Love,
Kim





Congratulations Billy,

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We Love You, Daddy, Moma & Robbie

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With Your Understanding,
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Know, And You'll See The
Way To Fly."

J.L.S. & Your Parents

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As You Ride Off To Bigger
And Better Things, Remember How You Got
There. We Are Proud
Of You And Love You!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Gail

Martin,
Now Is The Time To Set
The Foundation For The Rest
Of Your Life, And So Far
You Have Done A Great
Job. You Can Never Accomplish Too Much. Go For It!
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Gail

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Susan Satterfield, Junior co-editor, goes a little "bonkers" due to all the questions missiled at her from fellow yearbook staffers.





A Totally New Look

A 48 page deadline due the day after Christmas vacation, cropper cramps, and rolls and rolls of film plagued the staffers every single second of the day. The common goal — FINISHING the PIRATE with the least amount of mistakes, a totally new look, and on time. And by gosh, we did it, we think (?) Oh sure, we all got conned into taking the so-called "crip course" (yearbook) by our ever-scheming advisor, Annette Campbell.

So, it'll be an experience, we said, an adventure, a chance to broaden our horizons. But we didn't expect to go as far as we did. A total of 21 creative staff members, representing well our student body, produced the best staff ever. Since 60% of this year's staff consisted of newly born infants in our lunatic nursery, they were thrown up against obstacles tough enough to send even Rambo crying to his mother.

But after about 3 weeks, we got the wagon into motion. Oh sure, there were a couple of flat tires on the way — an overcrowded office, shortage of materials and ideas, and staffers about to throw their hands up—as we (the co-editors) breathed down their necks for pages due on the upcoming deadline. But they pumped themselves back up and gave 130% to your yearbook.

The yearbook to us was a symbol of what has made Topsail great. We stuck together on sports copy, battled with impossible layouts, and prayed that our pictures would turn out. The key ingredient of success was not just one person but several who extracted their ideas and pulled them together to form a conclusion. That's what our yearbook staff was all about. We tried our best to produce a collage of the '86-'87 year that would best serve our school as a whole. Whether or not we were successful is up to you. We are not asking for sympatetic judgement - just a chance for you to see what we were really about!

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A page torn from a 1976 Pirate yearbook, one of the "buried treasures", brought back fond memories and laughs for seniors Leslie Sanders, Tonya Housand, and Beth Wicker.

Anthony Kirk and Dawn Phillips anxiously remove the contents of the once buried milk jug.

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Digging in the muck during chilling gale force

A plastic milk jug was buried sometime during the year of 1976, a "time capsule" containing mementoes of their first year at Topsail. The "capsule" was buried on a line connecting the tree and the flagpole and 4 feet from the center of the tree. In the first grade, students were asked to save a memo of the "capsule's" exact whereabouts to be extracted their senior year.

The "capsule" brought back joyful memories from the past, and as the seniors celebrated this moment they formulated more memories to reflect upon in the year 1997.

Catching the Wave — a catch phrase used in our hip new wave of life.

Catching the wave was the easy part, but riding it was another. The year was full of coastal flooding and low tides, but the good times canceled out the bad as together we caught the ultimate swell SUCCESS!

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